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TO: State Board of Education
FROM: Tom Watkins
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SUBJECT: GRADE LEVEL CONTENT EXPECTATIONS
(Formerly referred to as "Benchmarks")

In preparation for the November 20 meeting, I am attaching final draft copies of the grade level content expectations for English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics. As you know, No Child Left Behind (NCLB) requires states to identify expectations by grade level, and to develop each grade level's tests in ELA and Math around those expectations.

These grade level content expectations have been in development for over a year and a half and represent input from local educators and final review by a group of academic scholars from major universities. Lastly, these expectations have been reviewed by Achieve, Inc. in Washington, DC. A copy of Achieve's report was, I believe, mailed to board members previously. In any event, I am attaching a copy.

The Mathematics grade level content expectations are printed on buff-colored paper. The English Language Arts expectations are on white.

Local math educators will be reviewing the Mathematics expectations at a special meeting on Friday, November 14. Local language arts educators will be reviewing the English Language Arts expectations on Monday, November 17.

Attachments

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