



CAPITAN MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CAPITAN MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS TO REQUEST AN EXTENSION OF THE COMMENT PERIOD OF THE PROPOSED SOCIAL STUDIES STANDARDS TO JULY 1, 2022

WHEREAS, in June of 2009, the New Mexico Public Education Department (PED) adopted comprehensive Social Studies Standards for New Mexico for kindergarten through the 12th grade; and

WHEREAS, the PED has prepared a draft of new Social Studies Standards for New Mexico for kindergarten through the 12th grade and only recently made the new standards draft available for review; and

WHEREAS, social studies concepts contained in the New Mexico Social Studies Standards taught to the students of New Mexico are of critical importance; and

WHEREAS, the current New Mexico Social Studies Standards are 26 pages in length and the new draft standards is now 129 pages in length and contains numerous material additions and revisions to the existing adopted standards; and

WHEREAS, substantial time, resources, research, and efforts of school administrators and teachers, including social studies teachers, will be necessary to properly evaluate, carefully consider, and thoughtfully offer possible revisions to the new draft standards; and

WHEREAS, other stakeholders, including parents and others in the community, need time to review and provide comments regarding the new draft standards; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico schools continue to address the learning, health, and social-emotional needs of students while simultaneously addressing issues with the continuing pandemic; and


WHEREAS, school administrators, teachers, and other district personnel are working diligently to help students achieve their proper grade level, handle the myriad complexities resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, and perform their regular jobs, which has resulted in considerable stress and fatigue; and

WHEREAS, due to the workload of the school administrators, teachers, and other district personnel, they do not have the time to adequately read, evaluate, research, and offer possible revisions to the proposed draft social studies standards; and


WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Capitan Municipal Schools deems the proper vetting and critical review of the new social studies standards to be of the utmost importance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Capitan Municipal Schools Board of Education requests that the New Mexico Secretary of Public Education grant school districts, teachers, and parents in New Mexico a time period extending to July 1, 2022, to adequately review, research, and provide comments and proposed changes to the new draft social studied standards.

Approved and adopted by formal action in open session on October 18, 2021.



President Daryl Lindsay



Secretary Gary Tregembo