

ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT APPROVAL

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STATE BOARD MEETING DATE 8.6.13

SUBJECT: Arizona Early Learning Standards

SUBMITTED BY: Amy Corriveau

MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In May 2003, the State Board of Education adopted the Arizona Early Learning Standards (AzELS) for children 3-5 years old. Revisions to these standards were adopted by the Board in May 2005.

In fall 2012, the Early Childhood Unit facilitated groups of stakeholders to 1) review updated research and make recommendations for revisions and 2) realign the standards with the Common Core for Kindergarten, the Head Start Outcomes, and the Infant & Toddler Developmental Guidelines.

In spring 2013, the AzELS underwent a series of 18 vetting sessions in person including 150 people. An on-line opportunity was also made available for feedback purposes. The participants included stakeholders from public and private schools, Head Start, Tribal childcare centers, other state agencies, and parents.

Updates to the AzELS include:

- Realignment of the standards with the Common Core for Kindergarten, the Head Start Outcomes, and the Infant & Toddler Developmental Guidelines; and
- Reorganization and conforming changes

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED: [X] INFORMATION []

ACTION/DESCRIBED BELOW:

This item is brought to the Board for information only this month. The Board will be asked to approve the item at a future meeting.

ATTACHMENTS: YES [X] NO []