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TO: Senate Ways and Means Committee

FROM: Diane DeBacker  
Commissioner of Education

SUBJECT: 2013 House Bill 2391

The Kansas State Department of Education interprets 2013 House Bill 2391 to allow school districts, the State Department of Education, and the Kansas State Board of Education to move forward with the Kansas College and Career Ready Standards and assessments in math and English language arts as approved by the State Board of Education in October 2010.

We also interpret 2013 House Bill 2391 to prohibit school districts, the State Department of Education, and the Kansas State Board of Education from adopting or implementing any education standards not previously approved by the State Board of Education prior to the opening of the 2013 Legislative session. This includes the history/government standards approved by the State Board of Education in April, 2013, and the planned adoption of the science standards scheduled for discussion by the State Board of Education in June, 2013.

We are unclear as to whether 2013 House Bill 2391 prohibits the State Board of Education from moving forward with nonassessed standards (model standards).

It is our belief that the oversight committee is unnecessary since Kansas has an elected State Board of Education that is charged through the Constitution with these duties and responsibilities.

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