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MEMORANDUM NO. M011-16 TEACHING AND LEARNING

TO: Educational Service District Superintendents
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FROM: Randy I. Dorn, State Superintendent of Public Instruction

RE: Public Comment for Health and Physical Education K-12 Learning Standards

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The purpose of this memorandum is to inform teachers, administrators, students, and other stakeholders of the opportunity to provide feedback on the drafts of the 2016 Health and Physical Education K-12 Learning Standards.

Purpose and Background

Under current Washington State law ([RCW 28A.655.070](#)), OSPI has the responsibility to develop and maintain Washington's academic learning standards consistent with the goals outlined in the Basic Education Act, [RCW 28A.150.210](#). This includes periodic review and possible revision of the standards. Prior to adopting state learning standards in any subject area, OSPI's process includes several key components that include reviewing and vetting the draft standards with key statewide stakeholder groups, conducting comparisons of previous state learning standards with the revised standards, conducting a bias and sensitivity process to gather recommendations for implementing the standards in a culturally sensitive and bias-free manner, and providing an opportunity for the public to provide input on the proposed drafts. These steps are conducted prior to adoption to allow OSPI and other statewide partners involved with developing transition and implementation plans and resources to gather specific recommendations on critical issues related to implementing the new standards.

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Starting in September 2014, a workgroup of 13 educators involved in statewide health and fitness education efforts gathered to consider the need for revising the [Washington State K-12 Health and Fitness Learning Standards \(2008\)](#). The revision process is a collaboration of the [Healthiest Next Generation Initiative](#), OSPI [Health and Physical Education](#), and OSPI [HIV and Sexual Health Education](#).

Why Provide Feedback?

The Health and Physical Education K-12 Learning Standards are foundational to the delivery of effective instruction. Health and Physical Education are vital to the health and academic success of students throughout the state. The feedback from this survey will help us to strengthen the content and supporting resources related the Health and Physical Education K-12 Learning Standards.

No individual responses from the survey will be reported. The data gathered will be used to revise or provide clarification on the standards and grade-level outcomes in order to meet the instructional needs of teachers and learning needs of students.

Survey Availability

The public comment survey will be available through February 28, 2016. OSPI invites any interested parties to provide feedback at <http://bit.ly/1QGockM>.

For additional information on the revision process, please visit the Health and Fitness website at <http://www.k12.wa.us/HealthFitness/StandardsReview.aspx>.

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