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Curriculum and Teacher Training in Public Education

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We Reviewed the Levels at Which Potentially Questionable Content Enters the Classroom

- Reviewed **19** of 43 State Core Standards
- Reviewed **44** courses in **5** sampled districts
- Surveyed **10,000+** teachers and LEA staff
- Interviewed **150+** parents and teachers
- Reviewed **500+** hotline complaints

Agenda

- District Curriculum Processes are Varied
- Some LEAs Need Stronger Processes Over Curriculum
- Teacher Expectations and Training Are Inconsistent



Chapter 2

District Curriculum Processes Vary
Significantly, Allowing a Range of
Content To Be Taught In Schools



We Reviewed the Content of 44 Secondary School Courses in Five Districts

Curriculum &
Instruct. Materials



- **Pioneer Day Training**
- **Photography Assignment**
- **Classes with Heavy Racial Themes**

We Found the Following



Curriculum &
Instruct. Materials



- 1. Districts use different selection models (p. 14-15)**
- 2. Districts have varying levels of content review (p. 15-16)**
- 3. Districts focus on teaching different standards (p. 17)**

The Legislature could consider the status quo or whether district processes should be more uniform



Chapter 3

Some LEAs Need Stronger Processes for Curriculum and Materials

Proactive and Reactive Processes



Many LEAs Lack Strong Proactive and Reactive Processes Over Curriculum



The Legislature is best positioned to determine whether stronger processes are needed statewide

We recommend they consider requiring governing boards to strengthen their own processes



Chapter 4

Teachers are Inconsistently Trained on Neutrality and Appropriateness of Classroom Content



We Did not Find Evidence of Consistent Teacher Neutrality Training

- Neutrality expectations should be set and training provided
- In interviews, many teachers reported wanting better guidance on emerging social issues





Training and Neutrality Recommendations

USBE work with LEAs to set standards for balanced content

The Legislature require local governing boards to have better training about handling emerging social issues

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Questions ?



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