



State of Arizona
Department of Education
Office of Diane M. Douglas
Superintendent of Public Instruction

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Dear Standards Review Teams,

First and foremost, allow me to express my deep gratitude for the work that you have done to revise the science and social studies standards for Arizona. You are creating a legacy which will impact all of Arizona's children for years to come. As such, it is important that we take the time needed to reflect upon the work and to ensure that the standards will best serve our Arizona communities.

ADE's original intent was to bring the draft standards to the State Board of Education in December and ask that they open public comment on the drafts. Unfortunately, we will not be able to meet this timeline. Instead, we will work to finalize internal reviews of the standards and intend to bring the drafts to the Board at their January meeting. Though I realize that many of you are anxious to bring this work forward, we must also ensure that, at every level, time for review and reflection is provided. In doing so, we, as a community of educators, will be able to bring draft standards that are well-vetted and ready for public review and comment.

Again, thank you for your time and your dedication to Arizona's educational system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carol G. Lippert".

Carol G. Lippert
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