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Board holds first public hearing on proposed CTE standards

The South Dakota Board of Education held the first of four public hearings on proposed career and technical education standards in six career clusters earlier today. Proposed standards include Architecture & Construction, Education & Training, Foundational Career & Technical Education, Information Technology, Law, Public Safety, Security & Corrections, and Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics (STEM).

Standards workgroup members included secondary career and technical education teachers, postsecondary faculty, industry representatives and other stakeholders.

“Through career and technical education, students learn how their interests and abilities align to careers and postsecondary education opportunities,” says Tiffany Sanderson, director of career and technical education for the South Dakota Department of Education. “By considering feedback from employers and educators, these proposed standards seek to ensure students will be prepared to meet the needs of today’s workforce, no matter what field they ultimately enter.”

The proposed standards and links for submitting public comment can be found at <http://doe.sd.gov/ContentStandards/index.aspx>.

According to state law, the Board of Education must review academic content standards on a cyclical basis. The remaining three hearings on these standards will be held in 2016 at board meetings in Aberdeen, Pierre and Rapid City.