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Board holds first reading of proposal to update graduation requirements

VERMILLION, S.D. – The South Dakota Board of Education Standards held a first reading of proposed changes to state graduation requirements at its meeting today.

The proposal came about after discussions among education stakeholders across the state this spring. South Dakota’s current graduation requirements were adopted in 2009. Stakeholders have been examining whether these requirements continue to meet the needs of students, employers and communities.

Proposed changes aim to combine opportunities for rigor, student engagement and flexibility. The proposal was developed to provide students with multiple opportunities to meet their postsecondary and career goals within a framework of general high school graduation requirements.

Learn more about the proposed requirements by visiting <http://doe.sd.gov/gradrequirements/>.

The public is encouraged to engage in the statewide conversation about this proposal. The official public comment period will open June 6. Written comments will be accepted until July 13, with a public hearing before the Board of Education Standards scheduled on July 16.