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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** School District Superintendents

**FROM:** Jacob Oliva

**DATE:** May 28, 2021

**SUBJECT: 2021 Standards Listening Tour and Other Input Opportunities**

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Earlier this year, the Florida Department of Education opened Rule 6A-1.09401, Florida Administrative Code, for rule development to adopt or revise student academic standards for several content areas. These include Civics and Government (revised), Holocaust Education (new), Character Education (new), B.E.S.T. English Language Arts (ELA) standards (technical and minor revisions that will not affect implementation), Substance Use and Abuse standards (new), and Access Points – Alternate Academic Achievement Standards for the B.E.S.T. ELA and Mathematics Standards for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities (new). This rule amendment will come before the State Board of Education on July 14, 2021, and there are several more opportunities for input.

Based on school district and public feedback, the latest drafts of the Civics and Government and Holocaust Education standards are now posted at <http://www.fldoe.org/standardsreview/>. The latest drafts for Character Education and Substance Use and Abuse will be posted in the coming days.

A listening tour will be held June 1, 3 and 9 at the following locations from 6:00-7:00 pm EDT. Department leaders will present information about these standards and the public will have an opportunity to comment.

Tuesday, June 1 – Miami-Dade County

Miami Jackson Senior High School

1751 NW 36<sup>th</sup> Street

Miami, FL 33142

Thursday, June 3 – Osceola County

Tohopekaliga High School

3675 Boggy Creek Road

Kissimmee, FL 34744

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Wednesday, June 9 – Baker County

Macclenny Elementary School

1 Wildkitten Drive

Macclenny, FL 32062

Additionally, a virtual rule development workshop will be held on Wednesday, June 2, 2021, at 11:30 am EDT. To register for the workshop, please visit

<https://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/7989725902807458832>.

The following opportunities for feedback are available through June 10 at noon EDT:

- Civics and Government survey (open): <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6360487/Civics-and-Government-Standards-2>
- Holocaust Education survey (open): <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6360477/Holocaust-Education-Standards-2>
- Character Education survey (opening soon): <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6360469/Character-Education-Standards-2>
- Substance Use and Abuse survey (opening soon): <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6358621/SubstanceUseStandards>
- Access Points: Email to [BESESupport@fldoe.org](mailto:BESESupport@fldoe.org).

We encourage you to share these public comment opportunities with local stakeholders to help maximize the number of Floridians contributing to this critical process.

If you have additional questions, please contact Michael DiPierro in the Bureau of Standards and Instructional Support at 850-245-9773 or by email at [Michael.DiPierro@fldoe.org](mailto:Michael.DiPierro@fldoe.org).

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School District Curriculum Supervisors