

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS the State Board of Education values and supports the rights of parents to participate in the education of their children, including full access to the contents of lessons that are being taught pursuant to Chapter 26 of the Texas Education Code; and

WHEREAS CSCOPE is a curriculum management system that is being used by a large number of Texas school districts and includes optional instructional materials used by classroom teachers to cover the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills; and

WHEREAS in response to a request from several legislators as a result of concerns from parents, teachers and citizens of Texas, the Chair of the State Board of Education has appointed an ad hoc committee to oversee a review process of the content of Social Studies lessons offered by CSCOPE; and

WHEREAS the officials at CSCOPE have volunteered to participate in the Social Studies review in order to address these concerns; and

WHEREAS the State Board of Education has initiated a review process for CSCOPE that closely follows the tried and true process used for instructional materials and that allows for input from teachers, parents, administrators and concerned citizens of Texas; and

WHEREAS as a result of materials undergoing the State Board of Education's review process, teachers, parents, administrators, citizens and local school boards may be better informed as to the quality of content being used to prepare Texas schoolchildren for life beyond graduation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education supports the right of local school boards to make informed decisions as to what instructional materials they purchase, with the State Board of Education's transparent review process providing valuable assistance in making that decision; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education stands ready to respond to any directive enacted by the Texas Legislature to address any concerns with CSCOPE or any other instructional materials in an effort to preserve local control, increase parental access, afford greater transparency and improve the quality of instructional materials; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education encourages CSCOPE, and any other provider of instructional materials, to participate in the SBOE review process to ensure quality materials are being used and the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills are being taught in our classrooms; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education encourages the Texas Legislature to appropriate funds sufficient to cover the costs related to any voluntary review.

WITNESS our signatures this nineteenth day of April, two thousand and thirteen, in Austin, Texas.

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