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CSCOPE review complete

AUSTIN – About 140 Texans examined 431 CSCOPE social studies lessons plans and have posted their reviews at www.cscopereviews.com.

CSCOPE was a curriculum management system that provided lesson plans to participating school districts and charters. While it was not connected to the State Board of Education (SBOE) or the Texas Education Agency, SBOE Chair Barbara Cargill appointed an ad hoc committee to review the material.

Cargill said, “The review teams appointed by the ad hoc committee spent hundreds of hours examining the social studies lesson plans and we’ve made their findings available to the public.”

Marty Rowley, the State Board of Education member from Amarillo who chaired the ad hoc committee, said: “It is intended that these reviews will serve as a resource for those who are considering using these lessons, and for those who are interested in learning what a cross section of Texas educators, parents and citizens have to say about them.”

“I can’t thank our reviewers enough for taking on this additional project,” Rowley said.

The review process was comprised of:

- A public hearing during which testifiers discussed the lessons.
- The examination of all 431 CSCOPE social studies lessons available for use in kindergarten through 12th grade.
- About 140 people, including teachers, administrators, parents, business people and others reviewed the lessons.
- Individual reports, when available, as well as final reports have been posted.

In August 2013, CSCOPE was formally renamed the TEKS Resource System.

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