Report of the State Board of Education
Committee on Instruction
March 26, 2009

The State Board of Education Committee on Instruction met at 6:52 p.m. on Thursday, March 26, 2009, in Room #1-111 of the William B. Travis Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. All members of the committee were present, as follows:

Presiding: Barbara Cargill, chair; Ken Mercer, vice chair; Lawrence A. Allen, Jr., Terri Leo, Geraldine Miller

Public Testimony

This item provides an opportunity for the public to present testimony at the time the related item comes up for committee discussion or action. The procedures for registering and taking public testimony at State Board of Education committee meetings and general board meetings are provided at **http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=3958** or in the information section (yellow pages) of the agenda.

The Committee on Instruction received no presentations of public testimony.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Adoption of Review of 19 TAC Chapter 101, Assessment
(Adoption of Review)
(Board agenda page II-1)
[Official agenda item #7]

Criss Cloudt, associate commissioner for assessment, accountability, and data quality, explained that as part of the required four-year sunset review of state agency rules under Government Code, §2001.039, this item is presented to adopt the review of rules in 19 TAC, Chapter 101, Assessment.

Dr. Cloudt explained that the agency was not recommending any changes at this time but will likely bring recommended revisions to the committee following the end of the current legislative session.

Mrs. Miller requested that when the rules are brought forward in the future for amendment, that a specific reference to the bundled accommodations for students identified with dyslexia be included in the assessment rules.

MOTION AND VOTE: *By unanimous consent, the committee recommended that the State Board of Education adopt the review of 19 TAC Chapter 101, Assessment, and the placement of this item on the consent agenda of the State Board of Education meeting of March 27, 2009.*

2. Requests to Approve Substitutions of Instructional Materials
(Board agenda page II-43)
[Official agenda item #8]

Mrs. Cargill introduced the item.

MOTION AND VOTE: *By unanimous consent, the committee recommended that the State Board of Education approve the request from SRA McGraw-Hill to substitute newer versions of two components of The DLM Early Childhood Express Texas Package instructional materials, and approve the request from Bedford, Freeman & Worth Publishing to substitute newer versions of Psychology and The Making of the West, and the placement of this item on the consent agenda of the State Board of Education meeting of March 27, 2009.*

DISCUSSION ITEM

3. Educator Professional Development Presentation
(Board agenda page II-47)

At the request of Mr. Allen, the president of Texas Educational Tools, Inc., Myron Pincomb, conducted a presentation of an online tool entitled CORE – Curriculum Online Resources for Educators.

The meeting of the Committee on Instruction adjourned at 7:20 p.m.