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MEMORANDUM

To: Utah State Board of Education

From: Ben Rasmussen, Director of Law and Professional Practices

Date: October 17, 2023

Re: Public Hearing on Proposed Amendments to Rule R277-700, The Elementary and Secondary School General Core

This memorandum will serve to outline the procedures that will be followed in conjunction with the public hearing scheduled for October 23, 2023 regarding proposed amendments to Rule R277-700. <https://schools.utah.gov/File/c533d9b4-714c-4895-8247-4419c1fd5c6d>. Pursuant to R15-1-5(2), I have been appointed as hearing officer for this public hearing.

The public hearing will commence at 4:00 p.m. at the offices of the Utah State Board of Education with a virtual participation option. The Board will hear public comment for no less than one hour. The meeting will be livestreamed on the Board's YouTube channel, <https://www.youtube.com/c/USBEMedia>.

Interested parties are encouraged to submit written comments, statements, or other feedback, which will be made part of the hearing record and posted on the State Board of Education's website. Written comment should be submitted to rule.comments@schools.utah.gov. Written comment to be posted prior to the hearing will be accepted until close of business, Friday, October 20, 2023.

This hearing follows a public hearing request by Higher Ground. This group will be allowed to make a ten-minute presentation to the Board.

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Other parties will be permitted to present as time allows. Individuals wishing to give public comments should email Cybil Prideaux, Board Secretary, at cybil.prideaux@schools.utah.gov, by close of business Friday, October 20, 2023. Speaking priority will be given to those who sign up to give public comment in advance of the hearing. Individuals should provide their name and address and indicate whether they wish to speak in favor of or in opposition to the proposed amendments to the rule. Individuals may be allowed between 2-3 minutes, as determined by the hearing officer in advance, based on demand. An individual may not yield time to another speaker. Those making public comment are encouraged to avoid restating points made in previous comments and to avoid reading written comments that may be submitted to the hearing officer. Individuals are encouraged to provide specific recommendations for changes to the rule.

Following the hearing, the Board will continue to accept written comment by email through the close of business on October 31, 2023.

It is anticipated that the hearing record will be submitted to the full Board for consideration at the Board's November 2, 2023 meeting. Further questions regarding the conduct of the hearing may be directed to the hearing officer at ben.rasmussen@schools.utah.gov.