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Dear Educator,

You may have heard conflicting information about what the action taken today by the Arizona State Board of Education (SBE) means for Arizona's English language arts (ELA) and mathematics standards.

Please know that **today's vote does not mean that the current Arizona College and Career Ready Standards have been repealed.**

What the vote does mean is that complete control of the ELA and mathematics standards has been returned to Arizona, as had been the case before the Common Core standards were adopted in 2010. Those standards will now be developed the same way they always were before and the same way standards for all other subjects are developed, through an annual process during which ADE reviews standards, makes recommendations and gathers public input.

This year we have already seen the adoption of updated physical education, arts and world and native language standards. At a minimum, ADE will recommend over the next year adding higher mathematics standards, which do not currently exist in Common Core.

However, **until such time as the SBE chooses to adopt any new standards those currently in place remain in use.** ADE is also sensitive to making changes on a gradual basis and for future school years so as not to create a financial or other crisis related to their implementation.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at [Communications@azed.gov](mailto:Communications@azed.gov).