

To: PK-12 Teachers, School Leaders, Educator Preparation Students, Faculty, and Leaders
Topic: MoSPE Stakeholders Work Group
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The Missouri Standards for Teacher Education Programs (MoSTEP) was implemented in the fall 1999 with some slight revisions in the fall of 2006. As you well know, educational practices have changed and so must the standards that define our preparation programs for educators. The first step in moving this work forward was the development of the Missouri Teacher Standards and the Missouri Leadership Standards. The Missouri Teacher Standards have finished a statewide review process; the Missouri Leadership Standards have been approved to be “Opened for Comment” by the Missouri State Board of Education.

We are now ready to begin the redesign of MoSTEP. The initial step is to potentially rename the educator preparation standards. It has been suggested that the new standards be entitled the Missouri Standards for Professional Educators (MoSPE) reflecting the fact that the document includes all educators. The Office of Educator Quality (OEQ) is calling for volunteers who are interested in working on the development and implementation of MoSPE.

We will be organizing a minimum of eight subgroups for the redesign work. Monthly meetings will begin in June and continue through December. We anticipate that some of the subgroups will be completed in August or September; others will continue to work through December. The subgroups will be organized by standards. You will find a listing of the eight standards with a brief description of the work can be found on Interest Form. Each subgroup will consist of 10 to 20 public school teachers, leaders, educator preparation students, faculty, and leaders.

If you are interested in serving on one of these workgroups, please complete the next page including the identification of standards that are of interest to you. ***The completed form should be emailed or faxed to the attention of Margaret Bieri (Fax 573-522-6526 or Margaret.Bieri@dese.mo.gov). Please reply on or before Friday, May 20. Information regarding the series of meetings will be released on Monday, May 23.*** We will be able to cover the expenses travel and for substitute teachers as necessary.

We sincerely hope that we will have a large number of people interested in helping to redesign the standards for Missouri’s preparation programs. If you have any questions and/or need any additional information, please contact the Office of Educator Quality. We will be more than happy to reply to your requests.

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