

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION – TOPIC SUMMARY**

**Topic:** Oregon Science Standards Update

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**Action Requested:**  **Informational Only**     **Adoption**     **Adoption/Consent Agenda**

**ISSUE BEFORE THE BOARD:** Update on the Oregon Science Standards (Next Generation Science Standards - NGSS) and the Next Generation Science Standards Network Meeting

**BACKGROUND:**

In March 2014, the State Board of Education approved the recommendations from the science content and assessment panel to adopt the state academic content standards in the area of science (NGSS).

Since that time, there have been many national, state and local initiatives and strategies to implement these high quality and highly engaging standards.

This year, Oregon has been focusing an awareness campaign of the 2014 science standards (NGSS) and encouraging districts to developing transitional plans to begin implementing. The science content and assessment panel has provided a suggested timeline template for implementation.

Currently, twelve states and Washington, D.C. have adopted the NGSS standards with many other states moving towards adopting NGSS. Oregon has been working in collaboration with these states to develop successful and intentional implementation strategies, high quality professional development and state-sharing resources.

An example of this state-to-state collaboration was the NGSS Network Meeting hosted by Achieve Inc. in San Francisco on February 17-19, 2015. The focus of this meeting is to continue developing strategies for building and sustaining systems for implementation including: professional development, leadership development, communications, advocacy and coalition building.