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Question of the Week:

In alignment with the Board of Education's Legislative Affairs Committee's goal of enhancing communication with the community, Garden City Public Schools has continued its "Question of the Week" feature. If you have a question you'd like answered about public or board policy, school district operations, or budget preparation and voting, please email: knightc@gcufsd.net.

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Q: I understand that parents and community members can have a voice in the revisions underway to the grade 3-8 English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics NYS Learning Standards. How can I add my comments?

A: Anyone – teacher, parent, student or community member - wishing to add public comment regarding the proposed NYS ELA and Mathematics Learning Standards can do so online. In alignment with her goal of taking a more collaborative approach to the formulation of the state standards, Education Commissioner MaryEllen Elia is requesting public feedback on the revisions recommended by volunteer panels of teachers, parents, and experts in child development this summer in Albany.

Multiple surveys are currently open for public comment through November 14th (an extension of the November 4th deadline listed on the website): <http://www.nysed.gov/aimhighny>. The AIMHighNY webpage organizes the surveys by subject and grade level. A comprehensive chart of the revised standards for each grade level is paired with a survey for the corresponding set of standards.

When reviewing the revisions available on the site, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction Dr. Ted Cannone advises, "If the 'Current Standard' column is blank,

then that likely indicates a full revision of the standard is recommended. Also, many standards are noted as ‘new,’ when they are, in fact, rewritten.”

“This is our opportunity to participate in the Learning Standards revisions taking place at the State Education Department,” explained Superintendent of Schools Dr. Robert Feirsen. “We encourage parents and residents to make their voices heard during the process.”