



**State Board of Education State Resolution
To Approve the Menstrual Education Amendments to the
District of Columbia’s State Health Education Standards
SR23-2**

WHEREAS, District of Columbia law requires the D.C. State Board of Education (State Board) to approve state academic standards for the District, as recommended by the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE), pursuant the Public Education Reform Amendment Act of 2007 (D.C. Law 17-9);

WHEREAS, District of Columbia law requires OSSE, in consultation with the State Board, to develop and implement health education standards on menstruation designed for all students, regardless of gender, in District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) schools and District of Columbia public charter schools, beginning in grade 4, pursuant the Expanding Student Access to Period Products Act of 2022 (D.C. Law 24-92);

WHEREAS, District of Columbia law requires the health education standards to ensure students in the District of Columbia have the information, support, and enabling-school environment to manage menstruation with dignity, safety, and comfort and shall include information on the menstrual cycle, premenstrual syndrome and pain management, menstrual hygiene management, menstrual disorders, menstrual irregularities, menopause, and other relevant topics relating to the menstrual cycle, pursuant the Expanding Student Access to Period Products Act of 2022 (D.C. Law 24-92);

WHEREAS, OSSE, in consultation with local and national governmental and non-governmental health education experts and stakeholders, developed draft health education standards on menstruation that are among the first of their kind in the nation and presented them to the State Board at its working session on January 11, 2023;

WHEREAS, OSSE engaged in a period of public engagement (January 20, 2023 through February 20, 2023) to refine the draft health education standards on menstruation, including holding feedback sessions with the State Board’s Student Advisory Committee (SAC), education leaders, and public health leaders and advocacy organizations;

WHEREAS, OSSE thoroughly considered all of the comments received throughout the public engagement and public comment period and applied revisions as deemed appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the State Board has reviewed the revised health education standards on menstruation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the State Board approves the District’s health education standards on menstruation recommended by the State Superintendent.





Date Adopted: 3/15/2023

Signed: _____


Eboni-Rose Thompson, President

