

# Standards Committee Update

The Standards Committee met frequently during February 2004. The purposes of this committee are to review and summarize best practice in education evaluation, to recommend a single set of standards and criteria for contracted staff, and to recommend a professional growth system. Please continue to contact any committee member with suggestions, questions or concerns. Your input is valuable!

At each meeting committee members share and discuss any reactions or questions they received from their representative groups. There were very few comments about the draft version of the Standards. The standards were developed by reviewing standards a variety of education professionals such as Teachers, School Social Workers, School Psychologists, Special Education Consultants, Early Childhood Consultants, Occupational and Physical Therapists, and Speech/Language Pathologists.



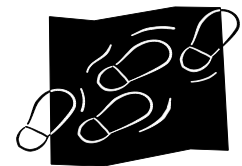
Criteria were then drafted to further define each standard. The Standards Committee developed the criteria after many hours and much discussion to ensure the fundamental concepts of each discipline were incorporated in them. Both the Standards and Criteria are in draft version at this time.

## **Feedback Requested:**

Please review the draft Standards and Criteria and provide some feedback by completing a Structured Response form. Both documents can be found on the Grant Wood web page under *Staff Info*. Scroll to nearly the bottom and click on *Standards Committee*. Once there, please click on *Draft Pages*. The direct link is <http://www.aea10.k12.ia.us/intranet/aeastandards/draftpages.html>. Return your form to your representative or any committee member by MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup>. Your comments and responses will be reviewed and considered before submitting the recommendation for Standards and Criteria to the Executive Team.

## **Next Steps:**

The Standards Committee is now beginning work on the third task: to recommend a professional growth system that includes a self-assessment and a supervisor assessment on the Standards and Criteria. *No decisions* have been made about the procedures or processes at this time. The Committee will make a recommendation to the Executive Directors. Since some parts of the professional growth/evaluation system will most likely involve contract language, it will become part of the collective bargaining process.



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