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Dear Janet,

Thank you for your recent letter. To respond to your questions:

1. The 11/21 request asked the department to provide a *“copy of each subsequent draft of the CCSS received by DPI. With each draft please identify the reviewing Wisconsin standards experts.”* A response to this item should include copies of all drafts of the CCSS received by the DPI, and with each draft, identify the reviewing Wisconsin standards experts.
2. The 11/21 request asked the department to provide *“copies of all comments the Department received from teachers, education professionals, parents, taxpayers, etc., in response to any CCSS draft.”* In light of your questions and comments, please interpret this item as a request for all comments the Department received from any source that mention or refer to the CCSS, received after the department first received a draft of the CCSS, but before June 2, 2010.
3. The 11/21 request asked the department to provide the *“feedback that the relevant Wisconsin standards experts submitted to the CCSS authors.”* The department’s August 2013 report, *“Transforming Teaching and Learning: Wisconsin’s Journey to College and Career-Ready Standards,”* states that *“DPI reviewed multiple drafts of the CCSS often using leadership teams of Wisconsin standards experts to provide valuable feedback that was then incorporated in subsequent drafts.”* In this case, *“relevant”* refers to the Wisconsin standards experts that the Department says were used. *“Authors”* refers to the authors of Common Core—the Council of Chief State School Officers and the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices.
4. The 11/21 request asked the department *“what effort did the department make to seek input from parents, community members, legislators, and the public? Please provide copies of any invitations, meeting notes, etc.”* In light of your question, please consider the request for copies of *“any invitations, meeting notes, etc.”* to be revised to a request for *“any invitations, meeting notes, or meeting agendas.”*

5. The department's definition of the Office of the State Superintendent, as included in the flow chart you provided, is sufficient.

We hope these responses provide the requested clarification. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact our offices at (608) 266-1526 or (608) 266-3156.

Sincerely,



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