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To: State Superintendent's Review Council

From: Wisconsin Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (WITESOL) and

Wisconsin Association for Bilingual Education (WIABE)

On behalf of WITESOL and WIABE, we are writing to request the support and adoption of the 2020 WIDA English Language Development Standards for the state of Wisconsin. As we enter a new frontier in the world of education, now more than ever, it is important that we continue to support our multilingual learners as we continue to strengthen their social and academic language abilities. The recently-updated WIDA framework provides the connection between equity, collaboration, integration, and a functional approach to language development. The 2020 WIDA Standards promote high expectations and goal setting for multilingual learners. The standards are a valuable tool that our members and other educators in Wisconsin can use to effectively teach content and language to a high level of achievement in a linguistically and culturally appropriate way. Your continued support of multilingual learners is greatly appreciated.

Together in education,

The WITESOL and WIABE Boards