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Phi Delta Kappa (PDK) International's Curriculum Management Center Conducts Audit of the State of Georgia's Proposed Performance Standards

Bloomington, IN, June 1, 2004 - In April 2004, Phi Delta Kappa International conducted a curriculum management audit, sponsored by the Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education, of the state of Georgia's proposed performance standards. The audit included a review of the scope of the proposed standards, plus their congruity with national standards in order to provide formative feedback for the improvement of these performance standards prior to their final approval.

In 2002, PDK conducted an audit of Georgia's current Quality Core Curriculum and found the curriculum lacked depth and rigor, as well as, failed to meet national standards. Due in part to these findings, the Georgia Department of Education (GBOE), lead by the new State Superintendent of Schools, Kathy Cox began a proposed curriculum revision process. PDK was invited to conduct the independent review of the new performance standards while they were in the process of being drafted in order to provide input on their quality and suggestions for improvement. Ultimately, the GBOE expects the new curriculum to drives instruction, assessment, and formation of guidelines resulting in improved student achievement.

About PDK's Curriculum Management Center and the Audit Process

Phi Delta Kappa's Curriculum Management Center offers programs and services, developed to comprehensively evaluate a curriculum system, focus resources, establish goals, and improve teaching and learning. Services include curriculum management audits, school reviews, and site-specific training.

A curriculum management audit is an independent examination of the curriculum design and delivery system of a school or school district. The audit team analyzes both the curriculum policy and the system in which the curriculum functions. The resulting report provides specific recommendations to improve those functions. The audit team uses documents, interviews, and site visits to determine the extent to which there is

congruence among the written, taught and tested curricula. Phi Delta Kappa's auditors come from across the United States, Canada, and Europe and are employed as school district administrators, state departments of education personnel, university professors, and educational consultants.

About Phi Delta Kappa International

Phi Delta Kappa International is committed to leadership, service, and research in education. It is a professional association composed of educators at all levels. Member chapters are active throughout the United States, Canada, and abroad. As an association, Phi Delta Kappa works to promote quality education, with particular emphasis on publicly supported education, as essential to the development and maintenance of a democratic way of life. In addition, the organization supports educators in their work through publications, research, and professional development opportunities. Visit <http://www.pdkintl.org> to learn more about Phi Delta Kappa International.

About The Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education

The mission of the Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education is to improve the academic achievement of Georgia students through research, advocacy and communication. Founded in 1990 by the Georgia Chamber of Commerce and the Georgia Economic Developers Association, the Partnership consists of business, education, community and government leaders who share a vision of improved education. Working to be Georgia's foremost change agent in education, the non-profit, non-partisan organization takes lead roles in efforts to shape policy and reform education. Visit <http://www.gpee.org> to learn more about the Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education.

About the Georgia Performance Standards

To learn more about the state of Georgia's proposed performance standards, visit <http://www.georgiastandards.org>