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Good afternoon,

I would like to make a public comment for the Science and Technology and Environment and Ecology. I like that the Grade level standards are very similar to the NGSS standards. My district is in the process of purchasing a new elementary science program. All science programs are now aligned with the NGSS, so this will not be a challenge to address the new PA grade level science standards.

However, in looking at new elementary school science programs, I have found it extremely difficult to find a program that aligns to the Grade Band Environmental and Ecology, as well as Technology and Engineering. It is impossible to find programs that align to these standards, as well as find time in our 60 minute half year science schedule to teach the grade band standards. A lot of the standards are narrow such as, Create representations of the tools people made, how they cultivated to provide food, made clothing, and built shelters to protect themselves. I am not sure how this will naturally fit into our science curriculum. Will the Grade Band standards be tested on the updated PSSA's?

I would like to see the adoption of the Grade level standards, but not include the Grade Band Ecology and Technology standards.

Feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions.

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