

# Presentation to the Nevada State Board of Education (SBE): The Read By Grade 3 (RBG3) Assessment Request for Proposal (RFP)

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**NRS 388.157 & NRS 392.750 (enacted July 1, 2019)**

Within the first 30 days of kindergarten or upon enrollment in a school, students' reading proficiency must be assessed using a valid and reliable standards-based assessment approved by the SBE. This, in addition to local assessments and the observations of the teacher will determine if a student qualifies for RBG3 services. Enacted July 1, 2019.

**NRS 392.780 & NRS 392.750 (will be enacted July 1, 2028)**

The Board will prescribe the uniform examination and passing score and the alternative assessment and passing score. The uniform assessment, in conjunction with teacher observation, will determine if students qualify for RBG3 services in kindergarten or grades 1, 2, or 3. Will be enacted July 1, 2028.

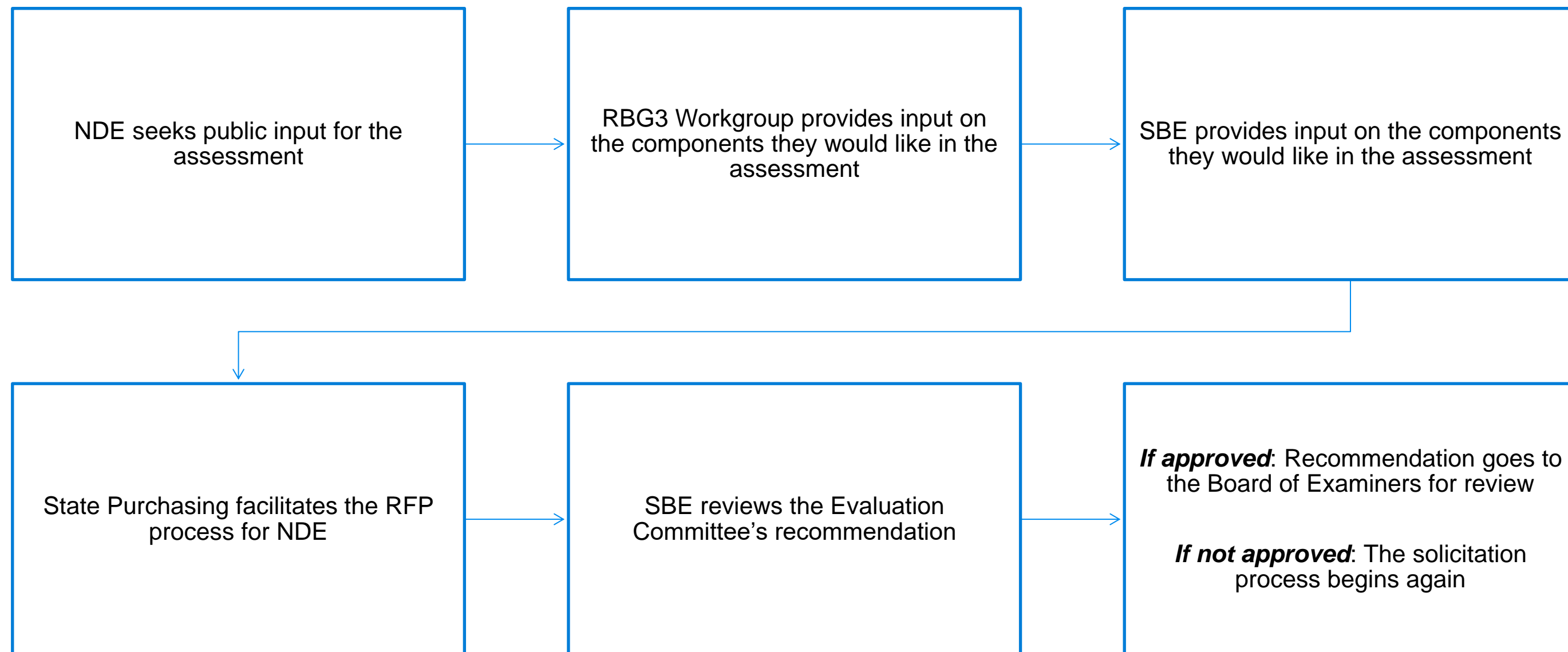
## Statutory Authority for the Evaluation Committee

### **NRS 333.335**

Defines the criteria of the evaluation committee and evaluation including the relative weight and scoring factors disclosed in request for proposals.

The Nevada Department of Education (NDE) complied with all statutory requirements throughout the RFP process.

## Procurement Process Overview



Multiple stakeholders were asked to provide feedback on the RFP including, but not limited to:

- The Nevada State Board of Education
- School District and Charter School Read by Grade 3 Program Leads
- Read by Grade 3 Task Force
- School District and Charter School Curriculum Directors
- NDE Director Review
- District Assessment Team Review

## Criteria Set in RFP for Vendors to Deliver

- Must evaluate phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension.
- Must provide multiple benchmarks throughout the school year to track a student's growth and achievement levels.
- Must include adaptive or differentiated testing based on student performance levels.
- Must provide prompt access to assessment results to prescribe appropriate intervention measures.
- Must include an option for progress monitoring.

## Criteria Set in RFP for Vendors to Deliver continued

- Must deliver and support the Read by Grade 3 Assessment System in the manner that reflects large-scale assessment industry best practices in accordance with the *“Standards for Educational and Psychological Testing” (2014)*.
- Must provide K-3 Reading Assessments that are in alignment with Nevada Academic Content Standards in English Language Arts.
- Must include a data interaction reporting tool that staff and other educational personnel can use to view student assessment results.
- Must be administered at the same time within each district elementary school or charter school, but each individual district and charter school have the option of selecting a different testing window.

The Evaluation Committee members from across Nevada that were included in the RFP selection represented the following districts and organizations:

- Carson City School District
- Clark County School District
- Eureka County School District
- Lyon County School District
- Nevada Department of Education
- Nevada Association of School Superintendents
- Nye County School District
- Nevada State Board of Education
- Washoe County School District
- White Pine County School District



## Evaluation Committee -

The Evaluation Committee Members represented the following stakeholder groups including, but not limited to:

- Assessment Coordinators
- Curriculum Directors
- District Superintendents
- Educators
- English Language Directors
- RBG3 Program Leads
- Special Education Directors
- State-Level Assessment Leaders
- State-Level Literacy Leaders
- Students

The Read By Grade 3 Request For Proposal  
Evaluation Committee recommends:

Curriculum Associates, LLC

### **Recommended motion:**

*-It is recommended that the State Board Of Education Approve the Read By Grade 3 Evaluation Committee's recommendation to select **Curriculum Associates, LLC** as the uniform examination for RBG3.*

### **Next steps:**

Upon approval by the Board, NDE will notify Nevada State Purchasing. Nevada State Purchasing will work with the vendor to finalize the selection process. Once the selection process is complete, NDE will work with the vendor to coordinate implementation, including the engagement of teachers, administrators, and the RBG3 Advisory Council as needed.

## Next Steps -

Thank you!

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