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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** District Superintendents  
District Curriculum Coordinators

**FROM:** Trecina Green, Director   
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**DATE:** April 4, 2011

**RE:** 2011 Mississippi Social Studies Framework

The Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) is pleased to announce that the newly revised *2011 Mississippi Social Studies Framework* has been approved by the State Board of Education and is available at [www.mde.k12.ms.us](http://www.mde.k12.ms.us) on the Social Studies website. The revised framework contains the newly created civil rights and human rights content strand as well as a culture strand. These new strands will serve to create more opportunities for students to explore events, figures, and concepts in multiple contexts and perspectives. This framework, created with advisement from the Mississippi Civil Rights Education Commission, is the beginning of the effort to integrate civil rights and human rights education in the K-12 curriculum, as mandated by *MS Code 37-13-193*.

The textbook adoption for the U.S. History from Post-Reconstruction to Present course took place during the 2010-2011 school year, with new textbooks available in the 2011-2012 school year. Due to extensive changes in the course, textbook adoption for the Sixth Grade Geography and Civics course will take place during the 2011-2012 school year, with new textbooks available in the 2012-2013 school year. Textbook adoption for the other social studies courses will take place during the 2012-2013 school year, with new textbooks available in the 2013-2014 school year.

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