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## December 13, 2021

Below are highlights from the State Board of Education's [December 13, 2021](#) meeting. You can watch the entire meeting on [YouTube](#).

The Board's last meeting of 2021 was also the last meeting for Dr. Janice Mak. Dr. Mak has served on the Board in the classroom teacher position since 2016. In that time, she played instrumental roles in the revamp of the A-F Accountability System, the update of the Science standards, adoption of new Computer Science Standards and serving as chair for the Arizona Department of Education's Technology Task Force whose recommendations led to the establishment of the Office of Digital Teaching and Learning. Dr. Mak will be missed but her contributions will be felt for years. The Board wishes her well.

### **Accountability and Academic Impact Updates**

- *2021-2022 A-F Accountability System:* The Board adopted models for K-8 schools, high schools, alternative schools and online schools (Arizona Online Instruction) for the 2021-2022 school year. More information on the models can be found [here](#).
- *5-Year Accountability Plan:* In order to provide consistency and predictability to the accountability system, the Board adopted a 5-Year Accountability Plan to map which changes, if any, would be up for consideration over the next five years. The plan can be found [here](#).
- *COVID-19 Impact Report Follow-Up:* Following the issuance of the [COVID-19 Impact Report](#) in October, the Board interviewed schools that demonstrated resilience during the 2020-2021 school year in spite of the headwinds of COVID-19. The Board released findings as the result of those interviews, which highlight the importance of leadership and ties to the school's community.

### **Review and Recommendations regarding Move on When Reading and Early Literacy**

Continuing its status as one of the Board's top priorities, the Board released a review with recommendations for the state's Move on When Program and early literacy policy. The recommendations are broken into three buckets: the collection and use of data, tiered interventions and supports and other miscellaneous items. The goal of the recommendations is to build upon the work and successes Arizona has achieved over the last ten years while providing targeted and proven strategies to battle the headwinds created by COVID-19.

The report can be viewed [here](#).

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### **Open Enrollment Guidance**

[HB 2898](#), passed in June 2021, requires the Board to adopt guidance and a model format for school districts regarding open enrollment. To comply, the Board adopted [the guidance and model format](#) at the December 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. ADE investigates and enforces violations: <https://www.azed.gov/adeinfo/open-enrollment-complaint>. A reminder that this guidance, model format and investigations are specific to school districts. The State Board for Charter Schools has guidance for, and investigates and enforces violations of, charter schools.

### **Rulemaking Update**

Two rulemaking packages were closed on the 13<sup>th</sup>: Empowerment Scholarship Accounts (ESAs) and the Literacy Endorsement. The rules may be reviewed [here](#). Below is a summary of the action the Board took on rules at the December 13, 2021 Meeting.

- *Article 15 Relating to ESAs:* The Board adopted changes to the ESA rules in order to conform to legislation passed earlier in the year. Most of the changes move the appeals process from the Office of Administrative Hearings to the Board.
- *R7-2-615 relating to a Literacy Endorsement:* The Board adopted requirements for the Literacy Endorsement. SB 1572 requires all K-5 teachers who provide literacy instruction to obtain the endorsement; currently certified teachers have until 2028 while teachers who obtain their first certificate after 2025 have three years from the date of issuance. The endorsement requires approved training or coursework and passing an assessment approved by the state. More information will be provided in the coming months from the Board and ADE's Certification Unit and Early Literacy teams.

### **Meeting Schedule**

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2022. The Board adopted a [meeting schedule for all of 2022](#).

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