Arizona State Board of Education

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Below are highlights from the State Board of Education's <u>April 22, 2022</u> meeting. Recording of prior meetings are on <u>YouTube</u>.

Local Education Agency (LEA) A-F Letter Grades

The formula for calculating A-F letter grades for LEAs (school districts and charter schools rather than just individual schools) was approved by the Board using "Straight GPA". Under this model, individual schools within the LEA are awarded between 1 and 4 points depending on the individual school's letter grade: A schools = 4 points; B schools = 3 points; C schools = 2 points; D schools = 1 point; and F schools receive no points. The points are then averaged across the LEA to generate a "GPA" that determines the LEA's overall letter grade.

In accordance with the Board's 5-Year Accountability Plan, LEA letter grades will be released beginning in the 2022-2023 school year.

Empowerment Scholarship Account (ESA) Handbook

The Board tabled adoption of the ESA Handbook until a Special Meeting to be held the week of April 25, 2022. The Special Meeting to consider adoption of the ESA Handbook will be held on April 29, 2022 at 11:00 A.M. The Board is only accepting written public comments for this meeting. The deadline to submit written public comments is April 27, 2022 at 5:00 P.M.

The agenda and notice may be reviewed here:

https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SB Meetings/SB MeetingListing.aspx?S=112020.

Educator Discipline Lookup

Prior to hiring both certified and non-certified educators, schools are <u>required to check</u> the Arizona Department of Education's (ADE) public-facing and internal systems for possible discipline or open investigations for immoral or unprofessional conduct.

To assist schools, the Board is providing a list of many of the educators who were disciplined at the most recent meeting. Please note that this information is only a snapshot of most educators who were disciplined at the most recent Board meeting and does not, in and of itself, satisfy the requirement for schools to check ADE's systems described above prior to hiring. Because educators have the right to appeal their disciplinary action, there may be an approximately 30-day lag in reporting some disciplinary action. To view the list please use this link:

https://c0abe837.caspio.com/dp/5a506000251753529c6846539a08

Meeting Schedule

As stated above, a special meeting will be held on April 29, 2022, to consider adoption of the ESA Handbook. The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for June 9, 2022.