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Below are highlights of the June 25, 2018, State Board of Education meeting. The entire meeting can be viewed on the Board's [YouTube](#) page.

Murphy Elementary School District - Receivership

After receiving notification from the Maricopa County School Superintendent and the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) that Murphy Elementary School District overexpended its funds, the Board appointed a receiver for the district pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-107. The receiver is a third-party that will work with the district to help put it back into financial solvency. Within 120 days, the receiver will present a financial improvement plan to the Board for approval that will detail how the district will achieve financial solvency.

2017-2018 A-F Accountability – Quality Assurance Check

It is that time of year for schools to review their data in ADEConnect. This quality assurance check is important as the data informs school finance and A-F Letter Grades. For more information, please visit [ADE Accountability](#) or view the latest issue of [The Grader](#).

A-F Accountability – New Schools

New schools create a unique challenge for the A-F Accountability System. Some measures in the system are based on year over year growth and new schools do not have prior year of data to make this calculation possible. Additionally, new high schools usually do not open with a 12th grade so they do not have access to graduation rate points or College and Career Readiness points. As a result, many new schools do not have access to all of the points in the A-F Accountability System. As a result, the Board voted to provide a one-year hiatus to new schools in their first year of operation. This means for the 2017-2018 A-F Letter Grades and moving forward, schools that are in their first year of operation will not receive a letter grade. Schools in their second year of operation, and beyond, will receive a letter grade.

2018-2019 Alternative School A-F Accountability

The Board is seeking public comment on the draft Alternative School A-F Accountability Plan. The draft plan can be viewed [here](#) and public comment can be submitted to the Board's inbox at inbox@azsbe.az.gov.

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Computer Science Standards

ADE presented the first draft of Computer Science Standards to the Board. The standards are now available for review and public comment which can be accessed and viewed [here](#). Public comment will be accepted through August 10, 2018; after which the working groups will reconvene and a final draft will be presented to the Board for adoption.

Discipline

Do not forget that the Board has established a tool that allows users to search discipline action taken against a certified educator in the last five years. The tool provides publicly available information and supporting documents on the action taken against the certified individual, including suspensions, revocations and denials. To use the tool please go to <https://azsbe.az.gov/teacher-certification-ppac> and click on the link on right labeled "Discipline Search".

Future Meetings

The Board's next meeting will be at the Hassayampa Inn in Prescott on August 6 and August 7. The meeting will focus on internal Board operations as well as strategic planning, the A-F Principles of Agreement and Assessment Principles. On August 27, the Board will hold its regular meeting

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