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Below are highlights from the State Board of Education's December 4th [meeting](#). Recordings of prior meetings are on [YouTube](#).

The Board was excited to recognize Gavino Delgado and Siri Meghana Lingam as the Arizona State Board of Education's Students of the Month for December 2023. The Board also recognized Board staff member Garnett Burns' recent receipt of the Doug Bates Award from the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification.

Consent Agenda Items

The Board voted to approve items on the consent agenda.

A-F Letter Grades

The Board voted to approve the A-F Letter Grade appeal recommendations from the A-F Appeals Committee. The appeals of 7 additional schools are still under review by the A-F Appeals Committee and recommendations regarding their outcome will be presented to the Board in January 2024.

Student Advisory Panel Feedback on the Arizona Ascending Graduate Initiative

The Board received a presentation from the chair of the Student Advisory Panel on feedback the panel had regarding the Arizona Ascending Graduate Initiative of the Board.

Special Education Evaluations Ad Hoc Subcommittee

The Board voted to approve the roster for the Arizona State Board of Education Special Education Evaluations Ad Hoc Subcommittee.

Cedar Unified Receivership Update

The Board voted to remove Cedar Unified from Receivership.

Educator Preparation Programs Biennial Reports and Data

The Board received a presentation from staff at the Arizona Department of Education's Certification unit regarding the biennial reports received from educator preparation programs. Additionally, data from the [Educator Recruitment & Retention Repository](#) was shared, including the [Classroom Teacher Attrition and Retention Dashboard](#) and the [Educator Pipeline Dashboard](#).

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2024 Strategic Plan, Legislative Priorities, and Research Agenda

The Board voted to adopt the 2024 Strategic Plan, Legislative Priorities, and Research Agenda based on the four pillars established by the Board at the August retreat.

Certification Actions

The Board voted to take all of the following disciplinary actions on relevant educators.

- Approve the voluntary surrender of certificates
- Approve the permanent revocation of certificates pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-550
- Approve the revocation of certificates pursuant to A.R.S. §15-534.04(C) and A.A.C. R7-2-1307(A)
- Approve the summary suspension of certificates pursuant to A.A.C. R7-2-1309(A)
- Approved Negotiated Settlement Agreements
- Approved the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendations of the Professional Practices Advisory Committee
- Denied the request for review/rehearing

Educator Discipline Lookup

Prior to hiring both certified and non-certified educators, schools are required to check 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

The next regular Board Meeting is scheduled for January 22nd at 9am.

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