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Below are highlights from the State Board of Education's August 26<sup>th</sup> [meeting](#) and August 27<sup>th</sup> [retreat](#). Recordings of these meetings are available on [YouTube](#).

The Board recognized Sruti Peddi, a graduate from BASIS Scottsdale, who was named a 2024 Presidential Scholar. The Board also recognized Charlotte Bond, a graduated homeschool student, as the August 2024 Student of the Month.

### **Consent Agenda Items**

The Board discussed and voted to approve items on the consent agenda.

### **School Improvement Funding**

The Board received a presentation from Michelle Udall, Associate Superintendent at the Arizona Department of Education, on the recent reports regarding federal school improvement funds being returned to the federal government.

### **A-F Letter Grade Indicator Scoring Timeline**

The Board received a presentation from Board staff and Sean Smith, Chief Accountability Officer at the Arizona Department of Education, on the implementation plan and timeline adopted by the A-F Technical Advisory Committees for the addition of indicator scoring to the overall A-F system.

### **Educator Preparation and Educator Retention Mid-Year Updates**

The Board received a presentation from Arizona Department of Education staff on data updates on Arizona's educator preparation programs, mid-year workforce data updates, and ongoing work to support LEAs in their efforts to retain teachers. Additionally, the Nogales Unified School District presented to highlight their promising work to improve teacher retention.

### **Empowerment Scholarship Account Appeals**

The Board took action to reject the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Recommendation from the Hearing Officer to deny the Parent/Guardian's, C.B.'s appeals 2024-00025, 2024-00026, and 2024-00027.

### **Foster Care Transfer Guidance**

The Board took action to adopt the draft of foster care transfer guidance per A.R.S. §15-701.04.

### **Rulemaking**

The Board voted to open rulemaking procedures for

- A.A.C. R7-2-1307, A.A.C. R7-2-1309, and A.A.C. R7-2-704, Educator Discipline

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- A.A.C. R7-2-301.A.4.b., and A.A.C. R7-2-302.A.1.b., Instruction on the Holocaust and other genocides
- A.A.C. R7-2-401.G.4., Special Education Age of Transition Services

### **Recommendations from the Special Education Evaluations Advisory Subcommittee**

The Board took action to adopt the following recommendations from the Special Education Evaluations Advisory Subcommittee.

- ADE issue guidance regarding prior written notice for evaluation, consent for evaluation, and evaluation timelines, preschool funding and eligibility, and independent education evaluations
- The Board open rulemaking procedures in a future meeting on R7-2-401.D.11., R7-2-401.E.4., and R7-2-401.E.4. regarding prior written notice for evaluation, consent for evaluation, and evaluation timelines

The Board tabled for future discussion the recommendation to advocate for legislative changes regarding preschool funding and eligibility.

### **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 any and all educator certificates pursuant to A.R.S. §15-550(C)
- Approve the non-issuance and/or revocation of certificates pursuant to A.A.C. R7-2-1307
- Approve the summary suspension of certificates pursuant to A.A.C. R7-2-1309(A)
- Approve Negotiated Settlement Agreements
- Approve the revocation of certificates
- Approve the suspension of certificates with/without conditions
- Approve the revocation of the right to work in an Arizona district or charter school
- Deny the application for certification and revoke any and all teaching certificates
- Issue a letter of censure
- Approve motion for hearing
- Deny motion for rehearing and request for oral argument

### **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

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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>.

### **Board Retreat**

As part of the Board Retreat, the Board received presentations on chronic absenteeism data, Arizona's Chronic Absenteeism Task Force and the Chronic Absenteeism Resource Guide from Read on Arizona, assisting students from vulnerable populations in finding postsecondary success from New Pathways for Youth, and high school and postsecondary matriculation, completion, and success data by the Arizona State University and Helios Decision Center for Educational Excellence. The Board also engaged in an interactive activity to gather feedback on the draft 2025 Strategic Plan, the A-F Accountability System, and the work of the Board's Enforcement and Investigative Units.

Additionally, the Board took action to review and approve the Board's Fiscal Year 2026 budget request.

### **Meeting Schedule**

The next regular Board Meeting is scheduled for September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9am.

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