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**December 10, 2024**

Below are highlights from the State Board of Education's December 9<sup>th</sup> [meeting](#). Recordings of these meetings are available on [YouTube](#).

The Board recognized Hamsini Sunkara, an 11<sup>th</sup> grade student at BASIS Ahwatukee and Catalina Martinez, a 4<sup>th</sup> grade student at Metcalf Elementary School as the December 2024 Students of the Month.

### **Consent Agenda Items**

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

### **Arizona State Plan for Perkins V**

The Board received a presentation from Trevor Stokes, Vice President of Career Readiness Initiatives for Pathways to Career, and Arizona Department of Education staff on the current status of the Arizona State Plan for Perkins V.

### **School Safety Grant Applications**

The Board voted to approve the release of funds to awarded Local Education Agencies for the Fiscal Year 2025 School Safety Grant.

### **Potential Changes to the ELA and Mathematics Standards and the AASA Assessment**

The Board received a presentation from Arizona Department of Education staff on their proposed changes to identify "essential standards" and focus the state assessment AASA on those "essential standards" and make reporting available. This presentation was for information only at this time.

### **Early Literacy and Recommendations from the K-3 Early Literacy Subcommittee**

The Board received a presentation from Arizona Department of Education staff on the current early literacy landscape in Arizona. The Board voted to approve the recommendations of the K-3 Early Literacy Subcommittee and requested that a work group be formed to monitor and move forward the work of those recommendations.

### **Rulemaking**

The Board voted to open rulemaking procedures for A.A.C. R7-2-615, endorsements.

### **Strategic Plan, Legislative Priorities, and Research Agenda**

The Board voted to adopted the aligned Strategic Plan, Legislative Agenda, and Research Agenda for 2025.

### **Certification Actions**

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

- Approve the voluntary surrender of educator certificates or right to work in an Arizona district or charter school
- Approve the permanent revocation of any and all educator certificates pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-550(A)
- Approve the revocation of any and all educator certificates pursuant to A.R.S. §15-534.04(C)
- Reject the recommendation to take no disciplinary action and instead issue a letter of censure with conditions
- Approve Negotiated Settlement Agreements
- Approve the request for a hearing

### **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 27<sup>th</sup> at 9am.

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