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April 21, 2020

The Board held a telephonic regular meeting on April 20, 2020. Below are highlights from the Meeting.

Educator Certification Response

Closures resulting from COVID-19 have impacted educators' ability to obtain certification. At the April 20, 2020 Meeting, the Board took several actions to mitigate this impact. Because the Board is still bound by rulemaking requirements and statutory certification requirements, the actions are limited in scope and must go through the rulemaking process. The Board is committed to addressing these impacts and ensuring educators have a pathway to certification.

Below is a brief summary of the Board's actions relating to educator certification:

- Extended professional knowledge and subject knowledge exam requirements for Career and Technical Education certificate holders and applicants for the Student Teaching Intern Certificate
- Opened rulemaking to allow applicants that are finishing their educator preparation programs to obtain an emergency teaching certificate for one year while completing the proficiency examination requirement for a standard certificate. This applies to most standard certificates and administrative certificates.
- Opened rulemaking to allow the Arizona Department of Education to make modifications to certification rules as the result of COVID-19. Modifications will temporarily ease requirements and must be approved by the Board at a public meeting.

The Board intends to close rulemaking at the May Meeting on the last two bullet points listed above.

Remote School Learning Opportunity Plan Form Update

The vast majority of schools submitted their Remote School Learning Opportunity Plan form by the April 15th deadline. The Board will send direct communication to the remaining schools requesting their submission in the coming days. The forms are a requirement established in HB 2910 for schools to receive continued formula funding.

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Exit Survey

The Board plans to approve an Exit Survey at the May 18, 2020 Board Meeting on how schools addressed student and staff needs during the school closures. The Exit Survey will help the state understand what occurred during the unprecedented school closures as well as help prepare for the upcoming school year by collecting data on best practices, identifying gaps and addressing solutions.

State Waiver Regarding Absences

Subject to HB 2910, the Board approved ADE's waiver request of a provision in A.R.S. 15-901(A)(1) that requires local education agencies to submit absence data every 60 days. Both ADE and SBE have received questions from schools on this requirement. HB 2910 continues formula funding at amounts calculated prior to the closure. Therefore, absence data is no longer necessary to calculate funding. Additionally, absence data is not a prudent or feasible way to measure student engagement during a school closure and so represents an administrative burden without a purpose. As a result, the Board approved ADE's waiver request.

Upcoming Meeting

The Board's next meeting is May 18, 2020. Depending on guidelines from public health officials the Board may be able to hold this meeting in person rather than telephonic. Additional information on the format of the May Board Meeting can be found when the agenda and notice is posted [here](#) in the coming weeks.

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