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The Board held a telephonic regular meeting on May 18, 2020. Below are highlights from the Meeting.

Arizona Online Instruction (AOI) Application Process

As the result of school closures, online instruction has increased significantly and school districts have expressed interest in establishing new AOIs or expanding already approved AOIs to meet the demand and circumstances caused by COVID-19.

To meet the demand and to continue to ensure high-quality online instruction, the Board adopted the following AOI application procedures for the upcoming school year:

- Application window opens May 18, 2020 through July 1, 2020. See <https://azsbe.az.gov/resources/arizona-online-instruction>.
- Applications are reviewed by a team at Rio Salado Community College.
 - If the evaluation of the written portion demonstrates the applicant is at or above the cut score, the district will be immediately approved on a provisional basis for one year. The approval is effective on notification from the Board which does not require a formal Board vote. All other applications must schedule an in-person or virtual demonstration.
 - Within one year of provisional approval, the district shall complete an in-person or virtual demonstration. If the demonstration is not completed within one year, the provisional approval expires and the district must reapply.
 - Depending on the number of applications, the Board may have to institute other prioritization measures.
 - Depending on the number of applications, districts may have to cover a portion of the costs of the review. The total cost of the review is \$3,000.00 per application.
- At a special meeting in July 2020 or at a meeting in August 2020 for the 2020-2021 school year, the Board will formally approve AOI applications that are at or above the cuts score.

Educator Certification

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.

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Because the Board is still bound by rulemaking requirements and statutory certification requirements, the actions are limited in scope and went 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:

- Adopted a rule 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.
- Adopted a rule 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.

For certification questions, please visit <https://www.azed.gov/educator-certification/> and contact certification@azed.gov or 602-542-4367.

School Closure Exit Survey

The Board approved an Exit Survey that will gather information 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.

Upcoming Meeting

The Board's next meeting is June 22, 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 June Board Meeting can be found when the agenda and notice is posted [here](#) in the coming weeks.

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