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August 9, 2019 and August 10, 2019

Below are highlights of the Board's retreat on August 9, 2019 and August 10, 2019.

Educator Discipline Reform

Utilizing several years of state data and national research, the Board identified gaps in the educator discipline process that need to be addressed to protect student health and safety. Over the past two years, the Board has updated rules, policies and procedures to address these gaps and make improvements. Some necessary changes however, require legislative action.

At the retreat, the Board directed staff to work with stakeholders and the Legislature to draft statutory changes. The identified issues, proposed solutions, data and research can be found here:

<https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/Meetings/Attachment.aspx?S=112020&AID=35891&MID=1078>.

Early Literacy

The Board revisited the [K-3 Literacy Ad Hoc's December 2018 Report and Recommendations](#). The recommendations center around the development of a comprehensive and statewide early literacy assessment system that will facilitate early identification, intervention and targeting of resources while allowing for a more effective assessment of the statewide program. The Ad Hoc Committee will meet again to review the Board's feedback and submit an updated report.

Statewide Assessments

In alignment with the Board's 5-Year Assessment Plan, work has begun on a request for proposals (RFP) to solicit bids for a new statewide assessment to replace AzM2 in the 2021-2022 school year. As an administrative body, the Department of Education drafts the RFP and administers the contract while the Board, as a policymaking body, is responsible for the approval of the RFP and contract. At the retreat, WestEd presented some central principles of an assessment system.

State School Improvement

WestEd presented national research on how to foster and sustain school improvement. The Board discussed its role in the school improvement process and what concrete next steps can be taken to not just turnaround struggling schools but to improve all schools.

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Future Meetings

The 2019 Board schedule is posted online. The next meeting is August 26, 2019. Please note that Board meetings begin at 10:00 A.M. Meeting materials may be found [here](#). You can also follow us on Twitter @AzBoardEd and on Facebook @azstateboard.

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