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**State Board of Education to Provide Update on Reporting Errors at December 21, 2015
Regular Meeting**

Phoenix, Ariz. – December 16, 2015 – Within 48 hours of the special board meeting held on December 9, 2015, the State Board of Education corrected certificate reporting errors identified by the Arizona Department of Education that occurred between January 25, 2010 and October 26, 2015.

During this process, the State Board of Education verified the corrections through multiple cross checks. At the current time, all errors identified by the Arizona Department of Education at the December 9, 2015 meeting have been corrected, with the exception of two cases that are under review with the Attorney General's office. The State Board of Education, in cooperation with the Arizona Department of Education, instituted new standard operating procedures and internal system accountability measures to maintain ongoing, accurate and timely teacher certification records.

Recognizing the importance of matters that impact the health and safety of students, State Board of Education staff are reviewing certification status reporting following Board action *prior to* January 1, 2010.

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