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TO: Education Interim Committee Members
FROM: Laura Sankey Keip, Staff Attorney
DATE: June 4, 2018
RE: Administrative Rule Review – June 2018

The following memo summarizes the administrative rulemaking activity that has taken place since the committee's last meeting in March 2018:

BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION

MAR Notice No. 10-64-282

[Final Notice of Amendment](#): The Board of Public Education has adopted amendments to the **school bus requirements** rule, ARM 10.64.301. The amendments update references to the "[Standards for School Buses in Montana](#)" document to refer to the most recent version and provides an updated website address where the Standards document is publicly available. The Standards document contains new standards applicable to "Type E" school buses, which were added to statute in the 2017 legislative session. The amendments took effect as of May 26, 2018.

MAR Notice No. 10-55-282

[Notice of Proposed Amendment](#): The Board of Public Education published a notice of proposed rulemaking regarding **suicide prevention and response** in schools. The proposed new rule provides a list of recommended elements that may be included in a district's adopted policy, procedure, or plan. The recommended elements include promoting collaboration with families and community providers; providing high quality intervention services for students; reintegrating youth back into school following a crisis, hospitalization, or residential treatment; and ensuring regular evaluation and revision of policies and procedures. The proposed amendment would also insert a reference to this new rule into ARM 10.55.701, to require the board of trustees to make the suicide prevention and response plan publicly available.

The Board will hold a hearing on June 19, 2018 to receive public comment. Written comments may be submitted to the Board by 5pm on June 22, 2018.

MAR Notice No. 10-55-282

[Notice of Proposed Amendment](#): The Board of Public Education published a notice of proposed rulemaking regarding changes to rules for **Class 4 endorsements for teacher licensure**. The Board is proposing to add two new endorsements, computer coding and teacher education. Generally, an applicant for a Class 4 license must provide evidence of a minimum of 10,000 hours of documented, relevant work experience to be eligible for the endorsement. For the new computer coding endorsement, as well as for health science education and engineering endorsements, a Class 1 or Class 2 license holder may alternatively earn an endorsement by successfully completing a blended learning professional development course of at least 80 hours. For the new teacher education endorsement, a Class 1 or Class 2 license holder may alternatively earn the endorsement by verifying successful completion of at least 5 years of professional experience as a licensed educator.

The Board will hold a hearing on June 19, 2018 for public comment in conjunction with the hearing for the suicide prevention and response proposal. Written comments may be submitted to the Board by 5pm on June 22, 2018.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

MAR Notice No. 10-1-129

[Notice of Negotiated Rulemaking](#): The Superintendent of Public Instruction published a request for applicants to join a negotiated rulemaking committee to consider a proposed rule amendment requiring a policy for implementing **all hazard emergency and response plans**. Applications were due May 25, 2018 and the committee will be established by June 29, 2018 with the first meeting to be convened in August 2018.

MAR Notice No. 10-1-130

[Notice of Negotiated Rulemaking](#): The Superintendent of Public Instruction published a request for applicants to join a negotiated rulemaking committee to consider policies and procedures for **standardized test administration** using required statewide assessments. Applications for membership on the committee are due June 30, 2018. The committee will be established by July 13, 2018 and the first meeting will be held August 6, 2018.