

**To: Members of the State Board of  
Education & Early Development**

**October 8, 20205**

**From: Deena M. Bishop, Ed.D., Commissioner**

**Agenda Item: 5**

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**◆ ISSUE**

The board will be asked to approve a 30-day period of public comment on revisions to 4 AAC 52.250. Special Education Aides, 4 AAC 52.252. Program Supervision, and 4AAC 52.130. Criteria for Eligibility (Visual Impairment).

**◆ BACKGROUND**

- Special Education Aides (4 AAC 52.250) –  
The recommended update for this regulation updates language on supervision by removing rigid “on-site” requirements and instead allows the Individualized Education Program (IEP) team at a school to determine individualized supervision frequency, with at least monthly oversight and removes the option for less frequent (quarterly) on-site reviews.
- Program Supervision (4 AAC 52.252) –  
The change to Supervision Method/Frequency aligns supervision requirements and frequency for programs with the provisions listed from 4 AAC 52.250.
- Eligibility for Visual Impairment (4 AAC 52.130) –  
This change clarifies an eligibility element removing the word “physical” from the criteria of “a physical eye condition.”. This change was requested by the federal Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP).

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**◆ OPTIONS**

This is a work session item. Action will take place under Agenda Item 10