

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

October 5, 2023

From: Dr. Deena Bishop, Commissioner

Agenda Item: 9A

◆ **ISSUE**

The board is being asked to open a period of public comment on supplement changes to limited teacher certificate regulations and proposed amendments to the seal of biliteracy regulation.

◆ **BACKGROUND**

- The seal of biliteracy regulations were originally approved by the State Board of Education at the June 2022 meeting; and the limited teacher certificate regulations were originally approved by the State Board of Education at the March 2023 meeting.
- The additional regulation changes amend the seal of biliteracy regulation and adopt by reference the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Language's publication titled *Proficiency Guidelines 2012*.
- In particular, the proposed amendments would:
 - (1) adopt new regulation 4 AAC 04.225 to incorporate by reference the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Language's publication titled *Proficiency Guidelines 2012*, to provide standards for alternative foreign language proficiency assessment under 4 AAC 12.388 and 4 AAC 06.079;
 - (2) amend the seal of biliteracy regulation at 4 AAC 06.079 to incorporate the alternative foreign language proficiency standards of proposed 4 AAC 04.225;
 - (3) amend 4 AAC 06.079(c) to clarify the definition of "world language"; and,
 - (4) make additional amendments to 4 AAC 12.388 as proposed for repeal and readoption in the December 20, 2022 public notice, including incorporation by reference of the alternative foreign language proficiency standards of proposed 4 AAC 04.225.
- The proposed regulation and publication can be found behind Agenda Item 9A.
- Susan McKenzie, Director of the Division of Innovation and Education Excellence, and Sondra Meredith, Administrator of Teacher Education and Certification will be present to brief the board.

◆ **OPTIONS**

Open a period of public comment on the proposed regulation.

Amend the proposed regulation and open a period of public comment.

Seek more information.

◆ **ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION**

Open a period of public comment on the proposed regulation changes.

◆ SUGGESTED MOTION

I move the State Board of Education and Early Development open a period of public comment on the addition of 4 AAC 04.225 Alternative foreign language proficiency assessment standards and corresponding updates to 4 AAC 06.079(b)(2)(D), 4 AAC 06.079(b)(2)(E), 4 AAC 06.079(b)(2)(F), 4 AAC 06.079(c), and 4 AAC 06.079(h) (Seal of biliteracy); and the repeal and readoption of 4 AAC 12.388 Limited world language immersion teacher certificate and corresponding updates to 4 AAC 12.397(e) (Mandatory training requirements) and 4 AAC 12.405 (Renewal of certificates).