

October 21, 2011

Kerstin Forsythe Hahn, J.D.  
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RE: In the Matter of the Proposed Rules of the Minnesota Department of Education Governing English Language Arts Academic Standards; Minnesota Rules Chapter 3501; OAH Docket No. 11-1300-22202-1; Governor's Tracking No. AR 550

Dear Ms. Hahn:

This is to inform you that the above-referenced rules, as approved by the Revisor on October 26, 2010, are approved as to legality. The Administrative Law Judge has determined there are no negative findings in these rules.

With the approval of the adoption of these rules, our Office has closed this file and is returning the rule record to you so that your agency can maintain the official rulemaking record in this matter as required by Minn. Stat. § 14.365.

We are requesting four certified copies of the rules from the Revisor of Statutes. After we receive them, we will file four copies of the adopted rules with the Secretary of State, who will forward one copy to the Revisor of Statutes, one copy to the Governor, and one to the Department for its rulemaking record. You will then receive from the Revisor's Office the Notice of Adoption of the rules. At that time you may arrange for publication of the Notice of Adoption in the *State Register*. A permanent rule without a hearing does not become effective until five working days after a Notice of Adoption is published in the *State Register* in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 14.27.

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Nancy Hansen at 651-361-7874.

Very truly yours,

s/Barbara L. Neilson

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