

## Memorandum

**Date:** August 15, 2025

**To:** PELSB Board Members

**From:** Steve Rollin, Rulemaking Attorney

**Re:** R4863 Rulemaking

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### Background

On April 21<sup>st</sup>, PELSB closed a 60-day request for comments on proposed rule R4863 relating to teacher licensure, license renewal, and other legislative requirements. Proposed changes include:

- implementing legislative changes that expand the exemption from a bachelor's degree requirement for licensure to include teachers seeking licensure in World Language & Culture, and the Visual or Performing Arts;
- Adopting required components to the renewal requirement specific to American Indian history and culture;
- Streamlining certain components of the licensure via portfolio process;
- Defining "meaningful progress," for the purpose of determining whether a teacher on a Tier 2 license can renew; and,
- Early Childhood Education, Ethnic Studies, and Computer Science licensure.

In May, the Board Chair assigned three board members to review comments. The subcommittee met three times in July and recommends the following changes to the proposed rule:

#### Bachelor of Arts (BA) Exemption

- None.

#### American Indian History & Culture Renewal Requirement

- None

#### Portfolio Streamlining

- Remove Ag Ed, Business, FACS, Work-Based Learning, and Accommodation Specialist from the requirement for a CTE core skills portfolio, as they are not required to have the CTE Core (only the "career" fields require CTE Core).

#### Meaningful Progress Licensure

- Change the definition of meaningful progress changed to reflect differing requirements in teaching programs:

- Remove statements in the rule “as defined by the provider”, which limits the definition of meaningful progress.

#### Early Childhood Education Licensure

- Allow variances for cooperating teacher qualifications for working in clinical experience with new ECE teachers.

#### Ethnic Studies Licensure

- Change ethnic studies license from a preK-12 to a grade 5-12 license.
- Change ethnic studies license to a K-6 elementary level endorsement for ethnic studies.
- Add ethnic studies endorsement for social studies teachers grades 5-12.
- Add in the equivalent of social studies reading standards.

#### Computer Science Licensure

- Change computer science license from a preK-12 to a grade 5-12 license.
- Change computer science license to a K-6 elementary level endorsement for Computer Science.
- Add in the equivalent of Math reading standards.

The subcommittee’s discussion and more information are available on the PELSB website at [R4863 Rulemaking](#).

### **Request**

No request at this Board meeting.

### **Options**

This is a report. No action is needed.