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Subject: **Bulletin 741 Public Hearing regarding Graduation Appeals Process**

Board members,

The public comment period ended today regarding the Notice of intent for the graduation appeals process, which was approved by BESE in June 2023. Attached are the public comments that were received in the BESE office.

One of the attached letters is from an organization, which represents 25 people or more, and the organization requested a public hearing. As such, the below Notice of Public Hearing will be advertised in the August 20, 2023, edition of the Louisiana Register.

Also, August 10th, BESE staff will be emailing all individuals, who submitted comments, of the public hearing information.

An agenda will be posted to the BESE website as well, and a notice will be sent, via the BESE listserv, seven days prior to the hearing. The hearing will be livestreamed as well.

As a reminder, BESE members are not required to attend and, obviously, no discussion will occur and no votes will be recorded. This hearing is simply a time for public comment to be presented for the formal record, which will be presented to BESE at the October 2023 Academic Goals and Instructional Improvement Committee, and subsequently forwarded to the House and Senate Education Committees.

At the October 2023 meeting, BESE will consider whether or not the Notice of Intent (NOI) will become Final Rule, which will be a part of the formal record forwarded to the Legislature. The Legislature could choose to convene its own hearing.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Notice of Public Hearing

Bulletin 741—Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators
(LAC 28: CXV.717, 2321, and 2322)

On June 14, 2023, the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 741, Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators: §717. Reports of High School Credit, §2321. Appeals and Eligibility Requirements, and §2322. Senior Projects. This Notice of Intent was

published on pages 1299-1303 of the July 20, 2023, issue of the Louisiana Register. Requests for a public hearing regarding the July 20, 2023, Notice of Intent was received. In accordance with R.S. 49:953.A(2)(a) and R.S. 49:953.A(2)(b)(i), BESE will hold a public hearing on August 25, 2023, at 2:00 p.m., in Room 1-100, the Louisiana Purchase Room, located in the Claiborne Building, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Interested persons may attend and submit oral or written comments. BESE will consider all written and oral comments; however, only written comments received by BESE will be included in the report, and submitted to the Louisiana legislative oversight committees. Written comments must be hand-delivered or mailed to the BESE office. Hand-delivered comments must be date-stamped by BESE office staff on the date received. Comments sent via U.S. Mail must be dated and must include the original signature of the person submitting the comments. If mailing, please send to: Mrs. Shan N. Davis, Executive Director, Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, P.O. Box 94064, Capitol Station, Baton Rouge, LA 70804. For hand-delivered comments, the BESE office is located at: 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA in the Claiborne Building, Suite 5-190. All comments must be received no later than 1 p.m. on August 25, 2022.

Any individual who needs special assistance in order to attend or speak at this public hearing should notify Shan Davis, BESE Executive Director, within Ten (10) working days prior to the Hearing Date, in writing at, Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, P.O. Box 94064, Capitol Station, Baton Rouge, via email at Shan.Davis@LA.GOV or by telephone at (225) 342-5840. Any questions should be directed to Erin Leblanc at 225-342-5841 or call the board office at (225) 342-5841.

Shan N. Davis
Executive Director

Sincerely,
Shan

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