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TO: ELG Members
FROM: Laura Sankey, Staff Attorney
DATE: September 21, 2015
RE: Addendum to Administrative Rule Review – September 2015

This addendum is intended to inform committee members about the recent rulemaking activity that has taken place since the meeting packets for the September meeting were mailed out.

BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION

MAR Notice No. 10-57-274: The Board of Public Education is proposing rule amendments that will be published in the September 24 edition of the Montana Administrative Register. The proposals would amend rules regarding certain classes of educator license endorsements.

The amendments to ARM 10.57.412, the rule for endorsements for Class 1 and Class 2 standard and professional teacher licenses, would delete the phrase “student teaching” as a redundancy and would allow a waiver of the current requirement for supervised teaching experience. The statement of reasonable necessity explains that this waiver is necessary when the person applying for an endorsement has already completed a supervised teaching experience through the applicant’s previous work in an educator preparation program. Additionally, for a special education P-12 endorsement, the amendments substitute completion of an NCATE or CAEP accredited professional educator preparation program for the current requirement of a bachelor’s degree.

For ARMs 10.57.425 and 10.57.426, both of which address endorsements for Class 5 provisional licenses, the amendments clarify that the required bachelor’s degree must be from a regionally accredited college or university.

Proposal Notice: The Board will hold a public hearing on these amendments on October 27, 2015. The deadline for public comment is 5pm on October 27, 2015.