Department of Education Superintendent of Public Instruction Administrative Rules for School Social Worker Certification Code Rule Set 2023-78 ED

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Tuesday, April 9, 2024 01:00 PM

1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Michigan Library & Historical Center, 1st Floor Forum or http://tinyurl.com/5cpy55vu 702 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing, MI 48915 or http://tinyurl.com/5cpy55vu

The Department of Education will hold a public hearing to receive public comments on proposed changes to the School Social Worker Certification Code rule set.

The general purpose of the proposed School Social Worker Certification Code rules is to provide a pathway into the profession, along with temporary staffing options, by replacing the system of approval of school social workers with a certification and permit process for these educators who provide social work services to students with disabilities in accordance with individualized education programs requiring those services. The new process will be similar to the process in place for other professional educators.

Online Public Written Comment Tool: https://mde.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_73asZyiBl1OCezk

By authority conferred on the superintendent of public instruction by sections 1701 and 1703 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1701 and 380.1703, and Executive Reorganization Order 1996-7, MCL 388.994.

The proposed rules will take effect immediately after filing with the Secretary of State. The proposed rules are published on the State of Michigan's website at www.michigan.gov/ARD and in the 4/1/2024 issue of the Michigan Register. Copies of these proposed rules may also be obtained by mail or electronic mail at the following email address: MDE-EducatorHelp@Michigan.gov.

Comments on these proposed rules may be made at the hearing, by mail, or by electronic mail at the following addresses until 4/19/2024 at 05:00PM.

Include in subject line: "Rule set 2023-78 ED."

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The public hearing will be conducted in compliance with the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act. If the hearing is held at a physical location, the building will be accessible with handicap parking available. Anyone needing assistance to take part in the hearing due to disability may call 517-241-1235 to make arrangements.