

2023-76 ED

Public Hearing 4-11-2024

Note: Public Hearings were also held on April 9th from 9:00-11:00 a.m. and 1:00-5:00 p.m. and no comment was provided.

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All right.

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Good afternoon.

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My name is Nancy Rotarius.

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I'm with the Michigan Department of Education Office of Special Education, and I will be conducting today's public hearing.

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This is a public hearing on Proposed Administrative Rules, 202376 Ed.

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Michigan Administrative Rules for Special Education.

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This public hearing is conducted as required by the Administrative Procedures Act to allow the public to comment on proposed changes to this rule set.

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As with all other public hearings and draft rule sets, the only items to be discussed during this hearing will be proposed changes to the rule sets.

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This hearing will not cover any questions or discussions other than those issues.

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If you have questions about proposed rule changes or other special Ed questions, please contact the MDEOSE Information Desk at 1-888-320-8384 or MDE Dash OSE at michigan.gov We are calling this hearing to order at 3:31 PM on April 11th via ZOOM.

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Notice of this public hearing was published on April 1st, 2024 in the Michigan Register.

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In addition, 3 newspapers of general circulation Detroit Free Press, Grand Rapids Press and the Marquette Mining Journal, as well as the Michigan Register on issue 5 on April 1st.

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All comments should relate directly to the proposed rules.

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If you have suggested changes to the proposed rules, please include the specific reasons why these changes would be in public interest.

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A link to a copy to the rules and supporting documents will be added to the chat.

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We will take your comments in the following manner.

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For those using the video portion of Zoom, please use the Raise your Hand button at the bottom of the screen.

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You can also raise your hand using the following shortcuts.

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These will also be added to chat for Windows.

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You can use Alt Plus Y keyboard shortcut to raise or lower your hand.

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I'm sorry I didn't get you an ice pack.

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Heather, can you can we please mute Heather?

2:44

Sorry for a Mac.

2:46

You can also use Option Y keyboard shortcut to raise or lower your hand.

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We will unmute you and allow you to turn your camera on if you wish.

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If you prefer, we will accept comments added to the chat, as the comments in the chat will be saved to the transcript as a part of public comment record.

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Please note we will not respond to questions or comments submitted via chat.

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For participants accessing today's public hearing by telephone, we will ask you if you wish to make comment after the video participants have finished.

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I will call on individuals to speak and they will be unmuted at that time.

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When you speak, please identify yourself in the organization you represent so the information is transcribed into the hearing report.

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We will limit comments to 3 minutes per person.

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If you have a comment but do not wish to speak, you may enter them into the chat.

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Again, if you would like to provide comment, please raise your hand.

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Also, please note that the department will accept comments online at www.michigan.gov/special Education under the OSE spotlight for proposed rule changes.

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You may also submit comments via e-mail at mde-ose-public-comment@michigan.gov or mail written comments to public comment Office of Special Education, Michigan Department of Education, PO Box 30008, Lansing, MI 489-09.

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All comments must be received no later than April 19th at 5:00 PM.

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If there is no one that wishes to speak at this time, we will take a short recess.

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The time is now 340.

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OK, the time is now 348 and we have reconvened from the hearing.

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If you would like to provide comment, please feel free to raise your hand or turn your camera on.

10:46

Janet Timbs, Go ahead.

10:48

Hi, my name is Janet Timbs.

10:49

I'm manager of Birth to Five, Early Childhood Special education in the department of MI-LEAP.

10:56

I just wanted to say that I support the the changes, the rule changes or the proposed language changes that are out for comment right now.

11:05

I particularly support the age range change.

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I think that will be most appropriate for beneficial for preschoolers and for school districts, so in families in general.

11:18

So good job.

11:20

I appreciate it.

11:23

Thank you Janet.

11:24

If there's anyone else that wishes to provide comment at this time, you can use the raise your hand function.

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Additionally, information has been added to the chat too if you have questions regarding rule changes, you can contact our information line and that contact information is available in the chat.

11:50

OK, at this time I will jump off the meeting and if you need anything else from me, just let me know.

11:56
OK.

11:57
Thank you, Janet.

11:58
Yep, Thank you.

16:04
If there are no other people who wish to speak at this time, we will take a short recess.

16:10
The time is 354.

16:19
The time is now 410.

16:22
The hearing is reconvened, seen as we have no new participants.

16:32
I'm gonna go back into recess until someone else joins, or I'll turn back my camera on and reconvene, and the time is now 410.

17:08
Oh, sorry, the time is now 425.

17:18
The hearing is reconvened.

17:19
Seeing that there are no new participants, we will go into recess once again and return either if a participant joins or in about 15 minutes.

17:46
The time is 4:40.

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The hearing is reconvened.

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Seeing that we've had no new participants join us.

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We will take another recess for about 15 minutes or unless someone joins the Zoom meeting.

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The time is still 440.

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The time is 455.

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The hearing is reconvened.

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Seen as that, we have no new participants that have joined.

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We will take another recess for about 15 minutes or unless another participant joins the meeting.

18:40

The time is still 455.

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The time is 505.

19:00

The hearing is reconvened.

19:03

Seeing that there are no participants who have joined us on the ZOOM meeting, we will, we will.

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We will go into recess until someone joins or until about 5:28.

19:38

Though the time is now 528.

19:42

The hearing is reconvened.

19:45

Seeing that there are no other participants, we will close the hearing.

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The time is still 528 and I declare this hearing closed.

19:56

If you have further comments, the department will also accept written comments at www.michigan.gov.

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All comments must be received no later than 5:00 PM on April 19th, 2024.

21:00

Thank you.

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And that ends this hearing.