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TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

FROM: John B. King, Jr.

SUBJECT: Proposed Technical Amendment of Section 100.2(ee)(2)
of the Regulations of the Commissioner

DATE: April 26, 2011

AUTHORIZATION(S):

SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)

Should the Regents adopt the proposed technical amendment of section 100.2(ee)(2) of the Commissioner's Regulations?

Reason for Consideration

To enact a technical amendment to resolve inconsistencies in the regulation.

Proposed Handling

This item will be presented to the Full Board for adoption as a permanent rule at the May Regents meeting. An emergency action is also necessary in May to ensure that the rule remains continuously in effect until the effective date of its permanent adoption. A statement of the facts and circumstances which necessitate emergency action is attached.

Procedural History

The proposed amendment was adopted as an emergency rule, effective February 15, 2011, at the February Regents meeting.

Background Information

The amendments concerning diploma credit for languages other than English (LOTE) and State assessments in Social Studies, that were adopted at the December

2010 Regents meeting, inadvertently omitted language in section 100.2(ee)(2), concerning Academic Intervention Services, that was previously adopted by the Regents in July and October 2010. The proposed amendment is necessary to clarify and resolve this inconsistency by re-inserting the inadvertently omitted language.

A Notice of Proposed Rule Making was published in the State Register on March 2, 2011. Supporting materials are available upon request from the Secretary to the Board of Regents.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Regents take the following action:

VOTED: That paragraph (2) of subdivision (ee) of section 100.2 of the Regulations of the Commissioner be amended as submitted, effective June 1, 2011; and it is further

VOTED: That paragraph (2) of subdivision (ee) of section 100.2 of the Regulations of the Commissioner be amended as submitted, effective May 17, 2011, as an emergency action upon a finding by the Board of Regents that such action is necessary for the preservation of the general welfare to ensure that the emergency rule adopted at the February 2011 Regents meeting remains continuously in effect until the effective date of its permanent adoption.

Timetable for Implementation

If adopted at the May Regents meeting, the permanent adoption will become effective June 1, 2011, and the emergency adoption will become effective on May 17, 2011.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF SECTION 100.2(ee)(2) OF THE REGULATIONS OF
THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION PURSUANT TO EDUCATION LAW
SECTIONS 101, 207, 305, 308, 309 AND 3204, RELATING TO ACADEMIC
INTERVENTION SERVICES
STATEMENT OF FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH NECESSITATE
EMERGENCY ACTION

The amendments concerning diploma credit for languages other than English (LOTE) and State assessments in Social Studies, that were adopted at the December 2010 Regents meeting (EDU-40-10-00022-P), inadvertently omitted language in section 100.2(ee)(2) that was added in a prior, separate amendment concerning Academic Intervention Services, that was permanently adopted at the October 2010 Regents meeting (EDU-31-10-00004-P). The proposed amendment is necessary to clarify and resolve this inconsistency by including the omitted language.

The proposed amendment was adopted as an emergency action at the February 7-8, 2011 Regents meeting. A Notice of Emergency Adoption and Proposed Rule Making was published in the State Register on March 2, 2011.

The proposed amendment has now been adopted as a permanent rule at the May 16-17, 2011 Regents meeting. Pursuant to the State Administrative Procedure Act, the earliest the permanent rule may become effective is after its publication in the State Register on June 1, 2011. Since the February 2011 emergency adoption will expire on May 16, 2011, 90 days after its filing with the Department of State on February 15, 2011, there would be a lapse in the rule's effectiveness. Another emergency adoption is necessary for the preservation of the general welfare to ensure that the emergency rule adopted at the February 2011 Regents meeting remains continuously in effect until the effective date of its adoption as a permanent rule.

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(i) score below:

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and/or

(b) the State designated performance level on a State elementary assessment in social studies administered prior to the 2010-2011 school year; provided that beginning

in the 2010-2011 school year, at which time a State elementary assessment in social studies shall no longer be administered, a school shall provide academic intervention services when students are determined to be at risk of not achieving State learning standards in social studies pursuant to clause (iii) of this paragraph;

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