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To: Local Educational Agency Leads

From: Diane Shoener, Director

Office of the State Board of Education

Deadline: July 15, 2022

Proposal Level Code – N.J.A.C. 6A:8, Standards and Assessment

At the meeting on April 6, the State Board of Education approved the proposal below for publication in the May 16, 2022, *New Jersey Register*. The proposal, which can be viewed on the New Jersey Department of Education's (NJDOE) <u>Administrative Code webpage</u>, includes:

• New rules at *N.J.A.C.* 6A:8, Standards and Assessment, to implement the Bridge Year Pilot Program, which requires each school district with a high school to offer students in the graduating classes of 2021 and 2022 the opportunity to pursue a bridge year during the year immediately following their senior year of high school to address learning loss and missed opportunities in extracurricular activities, including spring sports programs, due to the circumstances created by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The State Board values public input in all matters regarding code promulgation. Public testimony on the rulemaking is tentatively scheduled to be held on June 1, 2022. Administrators and members of the public may send written comments concerning the proposal by **July 15, 2022**, via the NJDOE's Proposed Rules webpage, to chapter8@doe.nj.gov, or to:

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