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To: Local Educational Agency Leads

From: Diane Shoener, Director

Office of the State Board of Education

Deadline: April 22, 2023

## Proposal Level Code – N.J.A.C. 6A:15, Bilingual Education

At the meeting on January 11, 2023, the State Board of Education approved the proposal below for publication in the February 21, 2023, *New Jersey Register*. The proposal, which can be viewed on the New Jersey Department of Education's (NJDOE) <u>Administrative Code webpage</u>, includes:

• Readoption with amendments of *N.J.A.C.* 6A:15, Bilingual Education, which sets forth rules to ensure English language learners are provided a thorough and efficient education and ensure the provision of bilingual education and related services. The proposed amendments include updating the term "English language learners" (ELLs) to "multilingual learners" (MLs).

The State Board values public input in all matters regarding code promulgation. Administrators and members of the public may send written comments concerning the proposal by **April 22, 2023**, via the NJDOE's <u>Proposed Rules</u> webpage, to chapter15@doe.nj.gov, or to:

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