Date: March 5, 2025

To: Local Educational Agency Leads

From: Diane Shoener, Director

Office of the State Board of Education

Deadline: May 2, 2025

Proposal Level Code – N.J.A.C. 6A:32, School District Operations

At its February 5, 2025, public meeting, the New Jersey State Board of Education (State Board) approved the following rulemaking for publication in the March 3, 2025, *New Jersey Register*. The proposal, which can be viewed on the New Jersey Department of Education's (NJDOE) <u>Administrative Code webpage</u>, includes:

• Proposed amendments to N.J.A.C. 6A:32, School District Operations, which sets forth rules related to the daily operation of public schools and school districts. The proposed amendments will align the chapter with P.L. 2023, c. 274, which allows public school students in grades six through 12 to have one State-excused absence each school year for the purpose of attending a civic event.

The State Board values public input in all matters regarding code promulgation. <u>Public testimony</u> on the proposed amendments is scheduled to be held on April 2, 2025. Registration for public testimony will open on March 13, 2025, and close at noon on March 27, 2025.

Administrators and members of the public may send written comments concerning both proposals by May 2, 2025, via the NJDOE's <u>Proposed Rules webpage</u>, to <u>chapter32@doe.nj.gov</u>, or to:

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