

New Jersey State Board of Education
Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Education
May 5, 2021

Presiding: Kathy Goldenberg, President

Secretary: Angelica Allen-McMillan, Ed.D., Acting Commissioner

Present Constituting a Quorum

Mrs. Mary Beth Berry
Mr. Arcelio Aponte
Mrs. Elaine Bobrove
Mr. Jack Fornaro
Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Gazi
Dr. Nedd Johnson
Mr. Andrew Mulvihill
Dr. Joseph Ricca
Dr. Ron Butcher
Dr. Ernest Lepore
Mrs. Fatimah-Burnam Watkins

Absent

Mrs. Sylvia Sylvia

Convening

State Board of Education President Kathy Goldenberg convened the public meeting at 9:03am with the reading of the statement pertaining to the public session of the State Board meeting as it complies with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act.

The Open Public Meetings Act was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meeting of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon.

In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the State Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted in the Department of Education (Department), Secretary of State's Office and notice also having been given to the State House Press Corps, the Governor's Office and the State Board agenda subscribers.

And seeing there was a quorum, the meeting of May 5, 2021, called to order.

Adjourn to Executive Session

President Goldenberg then read the resolution pertaining to the executive session of the State Board meeting as it complies with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Whereas, in order to protect the personal privacy and to avoid situations wherein the public interest might be disserved, the Open Public Meetings Act permits public bodies to exclude the public from that portion of a meeting at which certain matters are discussed, now therefore be it

Resolved, that consistent with the provision of N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.b, the State Board Education will now adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel and legal issues. The State Board immediately adjourned to executive session on May 5, 2021.

Reconvening

President Kathy Goldenberg reconvened the open meeting at 10:10 a.m. with the reading of the resolution pertaining to the resumption of the public session of the State Board meeting as it complies with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Whereas, consistent with the provision of N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.b, the State Board will now adjourn from executive session to resume the open session of this meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes of The Meeting

On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board members approved the minutes of the public meeting conducted on April 7, 2021. State Board members Dr. Ronald Butcher and Mrs. Fatimah-Burnam-Watkins abstained.

President's Reports

President Goldenberg welcomed everyone to the State Board's virtual meeting and extended her best wishes on behalf of the State Board that all are safe and healthy.

Public Testimony

President Goldenberg stated that the State Board would accept written public testimony on Open Topic discussion and State Board of Education Rulemaking Process readoption with amendments. Additionally, she stated that the June public testimony session will accept written testimony on School District Operations readoption with amendments.

Report of the Permanent Student Representative

President Goldenberg introduced and welcomed the State Board of Education's permanent student representative, Miss Sabrina Capoli. Miss Capoli is a senior at Seneca High School in Burlington County. Miss Capoli announced her college decision to attend Notre Dame in the fall and introduced her successor as the new permanent student representative for 2021-2022, Miss Maura Baker. Miss Baker stated that she is honored to be representing the students of the state and is thankful for the opportunity.

State Board Calendar Meeting Dates

President Goldenberg presented to the State Board members the proposed list of State Board meeting dates for 2021-2022. She asked the State Board members to review and share any concerns they may have about the dates. She stated that the Board will vote on the resolution to adopt the 2021-2022 Calendar of State Board meeting dates at the June 2, 2021, public business meeting.

Selection of State Board Nominating Committee

President Goldenberg announced the members of the State Board Nominating Committee. Mrs. Fatimah Burnam-Watkins will serve as Chair of the committee and State Board members Mr. Arcelio Aponte and Mrs. Mary Beth Berry will serve on the committee. President Goldenberg stated the State Board nominating committee will present the slate of officers for the 2021-2022 school year at the June 3, 2021 meeting. She also stated that in accordance with State Board bylaws, the elections for the State Board leadership will be held after June 30.

State Board Committee Reports

Career and Technical Education (CTE) Committee

Mrs. Mary Beth Berry, chair, Career and Technical Education Committee, stated that the CTE Committee met with Department staff on April 21, 2021.

Mrs. Berry stated the committee received information regarding end of year assessments that some students in approved CTE programs will be taking to earn industry credentials and certificates. She stated they discussed how students in programs of study are completing their hours for certification and credentials, and they also discussed the possible uses of federal and elementary and education school emergency ESSER funds to improve post-secondary access and success for post-secondary students. She further stated there are 190 approved CTE programs across the state and they discussed strategies to grow CTE programs. Mrs. Berry added that this week she is participating in a virtual meeting of interdisciplinary state teams throughout the country hosted by the National Technical Assistance for Transition to learn about and discuss improving transition services for students with disabilities in CTE.

Policy Committee

Mrs. Bobrove, chair, Policy Committee, stated that the Policy Committee met with Department staff on April 21, 2021.

Mrs. Bobrove stated they received a briefing about stakeholder engagement related to school reopening for the next school year. She stated the committee also received an extensive update on the amendments being proposed as part of the readoption of Chapter 32, School District Operations. She stated that since both items will be discussed today, she will forego providing details on the committee discussion. She further stated that she would like to thank the Department staff who attend these meetings for always answering the State Board's questions patiently and completely when they can. She stated that it helps move along the work that they do and is much appreciated.

Assessment Committee

Mr. Arcelio Aponte, chair, Assessment Committee, stated that the Assessment Committee met with Department staff on April 23, 2021.

Mr. Aponte stated that they discussed the fall administration of the Start Strong assessment. He stated they also discussed the amendments to state graduation assessment requirements, which will be discussed today. Mr. Aponte stated that they were provided with a preliminary look at the Start Strong administration for the fall and were presented with some of the challenges and concerns regarding what the schedule will be for the assessment. Mr. Aponte stated that the

Commissioner will be discussing this as well in her report and he looks forward to that discussion.

Petition for Rulemaking

President Goldenberg stated that the State Board Office received a petition for rulemaking request from Robert Chester on September 9, 2020. She stated the petitioner requested that the State Board of Education add new rules or amendments to Chapter 14, Special Education, and Chapter 32, School District Operations, regarding student records. She further stated the petitioner sought amendments and new rules related to how school districts maintain student records, what constitutes student records and how student records are redacted and made available under the Open Public Records Act. President Goldenberg stated the petitioner also sought other requirements related to security of student records, data breaches, individualized education program meetings, and school buses as well as adding provisions related to district board of education members asserting the educational rights of their children.

President Goldenberg stated that she and the Commissioner have reviewed the petitioner's request and have determined that the recommendations are to deny the petition even though the Department shares the petitioner's view that Chapter 32 should be amended to address that the New Jersey Supreme Court held in *L.R. v. Camden City Public School District*, 238 N.J. 547 that existing State regulations do not incorporate the concept of personally identifiable information or include a procedure whereby student records may be disclosed following the redaction of personally identifiable information. She stated the Department intends to amend Chapter 32 but has determined that the petitioner's requested amendment is not the most appropriate way to address the issue. She further stated they also recommended that all other provisions in the petition be denied because they fall into one or more of the following categories: is already addressed by State statute or the New Jersey Administrative Code; is contrary to State or Federal law, regulation, or case law; is outside of the Department's authority and/or under the authority of other State agencies or commissions; would place undue administrative, fiscal, and/or logistical burdens on school districts; would pose serious privacy or security concerns; or would create unsound education policy.

Resolution in Recognition of Physical Fitness and Sport Month in New Jersey

President Goldenberg requested the State Board consider a ceremonial resolution recognizing May as Physical Fitness and Sport Month in New Jersey. On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board unanimously approved the following resolution read by State Board member Dr. Joseph Ricca:

President Goldenberg introduced and welcomed Mr. John Russo, Executive Director of SHAPE-NJ, to receive the following resolution in honor of Physical Fitness and Sport Month in New Jersey.

Resolution to Recognize May 2021 as Physical Fitness and Sport Month in New Jersey

Whereas, childhood obesity has reached epidemic proportions in the United States; and

Whereas, today's childhood obesity rates are putting our children on course to be the first generation in this country to live shorter and less healthy lives than their parents; and

Whereas, children spend many of their waking hours at home during COVID 19 or at school when they are able, and therefore need to be active during the school day to meet the recommendations of the Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans; and

Whereas, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recommends that young people aged 6–17 years participate in at least 60 minutes of physical activity daily; and

Whereas, N.J.S.A. 18A:35 7 and 8 requires all students in grades 1-12 to participate in at least two and one-half hours per week in health, safety and physical education; and

Whereas, research shows that physically active children are more likely to thrive academically and have improved behavior in school; and

Whereas, research shows that regular physical activity in childhood and adolescence improves strength and endurance, helps build healthy bones and muscles, helps control weight, reduces anxiety and stress, increases self-esteem, and may improve blood pressure and cholesterol levels; and

Whereas, schools can promote physical activity through comprehensive school physical activity programs, including recess, classroom-based physical activity, intramural physical activity clubs, interscholastic sports, and physical education; and

Whereas, participation in sports teams and physical activity clubs can improve grade point average, school attachment, educational aspirations, and the likelihood of graduation; and

Whereas, higher physical fitness achievement is associated with better school attendance rates and fewer disciplinary incidents involving drugs, alcohol, violence or truancy; and

Whereas, the New Jersey State Board of Education strongly supports efforts to increase physical education, physical activity and participation in youth sports, recognizes the month of May as National Physical Education and Sport Month; now therefore be it

Resolved, that the New Jersey State Board of Education designates the week of May 1-7, 2021 as National Physical Education and Sport Week and recognizes National Physical Education Fitness and Sport Month and the central role of physical education and sports in creating a healthy lifestyle for all children in the State of New Jersey.

Commissioner's Reports

Acting Commissioner Allen-McMillan shared that the Department is hosting 12 regional virtual student roundtable sessions. She stated that 119 student panelists representing all 21 counties in the state will have an opportunity to interact and engage in dialog about their successes and challenges with schooling during the pandemic, as well as their vision for the future of education in New Jersey. She stated they will be utilizing these events to amplify the voices of participants to other students, school staff, families, community members and Department staff. She further stated the Department also intends to use the information shared by students to inform future policies. She stated they are engaging the current and incoming permanent State Board of Education student representatives, Miss Sabrina Capoli and Miss Maura Baker. The Acting Commissioner concluded that the Department hosted the student orientation session last Friday, and they are looking forward to the 12 sessions beginning on May 18, 2021.

Honoring New Jersey Department of Education Retiring Employees

Acting Commissioner Allen-McMillan acknowledged three employees who made the momentous decision to retire.

- *Robert Chumar, Office of Budget and Accounting, Division of Executive Services, April 1985 – May 2021, 36 years of service.*
- *H. Lyle Jones, Office of School Facilities Projects, Division of Finance, March 2002 – May 2021, 20 years of service.*
- *Leslie Foster-Leslie, Office of Certification/Induction, Division of Academics and Performance, April 2004 – May 2021, 17 years of service.*

Acting Commissioner Allen-McMillan thanked them for their dedication, commitment and hard work over the years and wished them the best of health and happiness in retirement.

Teacher Appreciation Week

Acting Commissioner Allen-McMillan stated this is a special week in New Jersey and across the United States as we celebrate teacher appreciation week. She stated that as a teacher she knows first-hand the sacrifice an educator makes, including the long hours and flexibility required to ensure all students are receiving a high-quality education. She also stated that in the video to be shown, she reflects upon two educators who had a lasting influence on her personal and professional life. She asked all to reflect upon the educators in their life who made an everlasting impression on the person they are today, and if able to please send them a thank you. She further stated these individuals are superheroes and many have devoted their lives to helping their students, our children, grow into successful and confident adults.

Acting Commissioner Allen-McMillan stated that the Department of Education and the State Board of Education see you, we are grateful for you, and we thank you.

The Road Forward Outreach

Acting Commissioner Allen-McMillan presented information on the engagement outreach effort for the Road Forward initiative. She introduced Ms. Colleen Schulz-Eskow, who provided an overview of this effort and highlighted the Department's intended outcomes.

Items for Consideration:

**Items scheduled for a vote are marked with an asterisk.*

***A. Appointments**

- There were no appointments.

***B. Certification of School Districts**

- Approved for a period of three years, those school districts recommended by the Commissioner, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-14.a and b. State Board Vice President Andrew Mulvihill abstained.

District	County
Springfield Twp.	Burlington
Merchantville	Camden
Readington Twp.	Hunterdon
Monmouth County Vocational	Monmouth
Brick Twp.	Ocean
Plumsted Twp.	Ocean
Warren Twp.	Somerset
Andover Regional	Sussex
Harmony Twp.	Warren

***C. Religious Holidays Calendar Resolution**

- Adopted the following resolution pertaining to the annual calendar of religious holidays for the 2021-2022 school year as established at N.J.A.C. 6A:32-8.3(j), pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:36-14-16.

Resolution

The List of Religious Holidays Permitting Student Absence from School

Whereas, according to N.J.S.A. 18A:36-14 through 16 and N.J.A.C. 6A:32-8.3(j), regarding student absence from school because of religious holidays, the Commissioner of Education, with the approval of the State Board of Education, is charged with the responsibility of prescribing such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of the law; and

Whereas, the law provides that:

1. Any student absent from school because of a religious holiday may not be deprived of any award or of eligibility or opportunity to compete for any award because of such absence;
2. Students who miss a test or examination because of absence on a religious holiday must be given the right to take an alternate test or examination;
3. To be entitled to the privileges set forth above, the student must present a written excuse signed by a parent or person standing in place of a parent;
4. Any absence because of a religious holiday must be recorded in the school register or in any group or class attendance record as an excused absence;
5. Such absence must not be recorded on any transcript or application or employment form or on any similar form; and
6. The Commissioner, with the approval of the State Board of Education, is required to:
 - (a) prescribe such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this act; and

(b) prepare a list of religious holidays on which it shall be mandatory to excuse a student. The list, however, is to be a minimum list. Boards of education, at their discretion, may add other days to the list for the schools of their districts; and

Whereas, the New Jersey Department of Education makes every attempt to ensure the accuracy of the dates using the lunar, Gregorian and Julian calendars; and

Whereas, the district board of education has the right to add any bona fide religious holiday to the list for its own schools;

Whereas, dates within this resolution may not be fixed before the State Board adopts the annual calendar and may require additional revision; now therefore be it

Resolved, that the State Board of Education permits the Commissioner of Education, after annual adoption by the State Board of Education, to revise the dates provided in list of religious holidays; and be it further

Resolved, that the State Board of Education adopts the following list of religious holidays for the 2021 - 2022 school year:

2021-22 School Year Observances

July 2021

Date	Observance
July 9	Martyrdom of the Bab (Baha'i)
July 17-22	Hajj Day (Islam)*
July 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tish'a B'Av (Jewish) • Yawm al-Arafa (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
July 19	Eid al-Adha (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
July 19-23	Eid al-Adha (Islam)*
July 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asalha Puja Day (Buddhist) • Guru Purnima
July 27	Eid-e-Ghadeer (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*

August 2021

Date	Observance
August 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fast in Honor of the Holy Mother of Lord Jesus (Eastern Orthodox Christian) • Lammas (Christian and Wicca)
August 6	Transfiguration of the Lord (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
August 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st Muharram (Islamic New Year) • 1st Muharram (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*

Date	Observance
August 9-18	Ashara Mubarak (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
August 12-23	Onam (Hindu)*
August 13	Naga Panchami (Hindu)* ¹
August 13-15	Obon (Buddhist)
August 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Catholic Christian) • Dormition of the Theotokos (Orthodox Christian)
August 18	Yawm Aashura (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
August 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ulambana (Buddhist) • Raksha Bandhan (Hindu)*
August 30	Krishna Janmashtami (Hindu)*

¹ * Disclaimer: New Jersey Department of Education has made every attempt to ensure the accuracy of the dates. The information has been verified through the use of various sources and some dates may vary due to the lunar, Gregorian and Julian calendars.

September 2021

Date	Observance
September 1	Ecclesiastical Year begins (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
[September 3] September 3-10	Paryushana (Jain)*
September 6-8	Rosh Hashanah (Jewish)
September 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • His Holiness Sakya Trizin's Birthday (Buddhist) • Feast of Trumpets (Church of God, Philadelphia Church of God)
September 7-29	Sh'mini Atzeret (Jewish)
September 8	Nativity of Mary (Christian)
September 10	Ganesh Chaturthi (Hindu)*
September 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yom Kippur (Jewish) • Day of Atonement (Christian, Church of God, Philadelphia Church of God)
September 21	Nativity of the Theotokos (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
September 21-27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sukkot (Jewish) • Feast of Tabernacles (Church of God, Philadelphia Church of God)
September 21-29	Mabon (Wicca/Pagan)
September 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Elevation of the Holy Cross (Eastern Orthodox Christian) • Chehlum Imam Hussain (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
September 28	Last Great Day (Church of God, Philadelphia Church of God)

Date	Observance
September 29	Simchat Torah (Jewish)

October 2021

Date	Observance
October 7-15	Navaratri (Hindu)*
October 18	Milad an-Nabi (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
October 19	Maulid al-Nabi (Islam)*
October 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Installation of the Scriptures as Guru Granth (Sikh) Birth of B'ab (Bah'i)
October 22	Urus-Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*

November 2021

Date	Observance
November 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Saints' Day (Christian) Samhain-Beltane (Wicca)
November 2	All Souls' Day (Christian)
November 5	Goverdhan Puja (Hindu)*
November 7	Birth of Baha'u'llah (Baha'i)
November 9	Milad Imam-uz-Zamaan (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
November 12-16	Diwali (Hindu, Jain, Puja, Deepavali and Sikh)*
November 21	The Presentation of the Theotokos to the Temple (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
November 24	Guru Tegh Bahadur Martyrdom (Sikh)
November 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Day of Covenant (Baha'i) Milad Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
November 27	Ascension of 'Abdul'l Baha (Baha'i)
November 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nativity Fast begins (Eastern Orthodox Christian) First Sunday of Advent (Christian)
November 28-December 6	Hanukkah (Jewish)
November 29	Guru Nanak Dev Sahib Birthday (Sikh)

December 2021

Date	Observance
December 8	Immaculate Conception (Christian)
December 21-22	Yule (Wicca and Christian)
December 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas (Christian) The Nativity of Christ (Eastern Orthodox Christian)

Date	Observance
December 26	Zarathosht Diso (Zoroastrian)

January 2022

Date	Observance
January 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gantan-sai (Shinto) Mary, Mother of God - Catholic Christian
January 3-10	Holy Convocation (Church of God and Saints of Christ)
January 5	Birthday of Guru Gobindh Singh Sahib (Sikh)
January 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feast of Epiphany (Christian) Feast of Theophany (Eastern Orthodox Christian) Nativity of Christ (Armenian Orthodox)
January 7	Feast of the Nativity (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
January 10	Bodhi Day (Buddhist)
January 13	Maghi (Sikh)
January 14	Makar Sankranti and Pongal (Hindu)*
January 16	World Religion Day (Baha'i)
January 17	Tu B'shvat (Jewish)

February 2022

Date	Observance
February 1	Chinese/Lunar New Year (Confucian, Daoist, Buddhist)
February 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Presentation of Our Lord to the Temple (Eastern Orthodox Christian) Imbolic-Candlemas (Wicca and Christian)
February 3-12	Midwinter Ceremonies (Native American)
February 5	Vasant Panchami (Hindu)*
February 15	Nirvana Day (Buddhist, [Jain])
February 16	Ayyam al Beez (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
February 17	Jonah's Passover (Eastern Orthodox Church)
February 20	Urus – Syedna Taher Saifuddin (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)
February 26-March 1	Intercalary Days (Baha'i)
February 28	Yawm al-Mab'ath (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)

March 2022

Date	Observance
March 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shrove Tuesday (Christian) Maha Shivaratri (Hindu)* Lailat al Miraj (Islam)*
March 2	Ash Wednesday (Christian)

Date	Observance
March 7	Clean Monday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
March 13	L. Ron Hubbard's Birthday (Church of Scientology)
March 17	Purim (Jewish)
March 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holi (Hindu)* Hola Mohalla (Sikh)*
March 19	Lailat al Bara'ah (Islam)*
March 20	Ostara (Wicca)
March 21	Naw-Ryz (Baha'i)
March 22	Nowruz (Zoroastrian)
March 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Annunciation of the Theotokos (Eastern Orthodox Christian) The Annunciation of the Virgin Mary (Christian)
March 26	Khordad Sal (Zoroastrian)

April 2022

Date	Observance
April 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Souramana Yugadi (Hindu)* Chandramana Yugadi(Hindu)*
April 2-May1	Ramadan (Islam)
April 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visakha Puja (Buddhist) Buddha's Birthday/Buddha Day-Buddha Day*
April 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Palm Sunday Ramnavami (Hindu)*
April 13-20	Memorial of the Feast of the Lord's Passover (Church of God and Saints of Christ)
April 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holy Thursday (Christian) Mahavir Jayanti (Jain)*
April 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holy Friday (Christian) Passover/Days of Unleavened Bread (Church of God and Saints of Christ) Lord's Evening Meal (Christian, Jehovah's Witness) Passover (United Church of God)
April 15-22	Passover (Jewish)
April 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lazarus Saturday (Eastern Orthodox Christian) Theravadin New Year (Buddhist) First Day of Unleavened Bread (Church of God)
April 16-22	Days of Unleavened Bread (Philadelphia Church of God)

Date	Observance
April 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easter (Christian) Palm Sunday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
April 18	Easter Monday (Christian)
April 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Day of Ridvan (Baha'i) Shahadat – Amirul Mumineen (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
April 21	Holy Thursday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
April 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holy Friday (Eastern Orthodox Christian) The Last Friday of the Great Lent (Eastern Orthodox Church) Last Day of Unleavened Bread (Church of God)
April 23-24	Laylatul Qadr (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
April 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easter (Eastern Orthodox Christian) Milad Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
April 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 11th Panchen Lama's Birthday (Buddhist) Bright Monday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
April 26	Hanuman Jayanti (Hindu)*
April 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ninth Day of Ridvan (Baha'i) Laylatul Qadr (Islam)*
April 29	Aakhir Jumo'a (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*

May 2022

Date	Observance
May 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beltane (Wicca) Twelfth Day of Ridvan (Baha'i)
May 2	Eid al-Fitr (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
May 3	Eid al Fitr (Islam)*
May 5-6	Yom Ha'Azmaut (Jewish)
May 19	Lag B'Omer (Jewish)
May 24	Declaration of the Bab (Baha'i)
May 26	Ascension of Our Lord (Christian)
May 29	Ascension of Baha'u'llah (Baha'i)

June 2022

Date	Observance
June 5	Pentecost (Christian)
June 4-6	Shavuot (Jewish)

Date	Observance
June 12	Pentecost (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
June 16	Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Sahib (Sikh)
June 20	Fast of the Holy Apostles (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
June 24	Litha (Wicca)

***D. Resolution to Amend the Implementation of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards**

- Adopted the following resolution to amend the implementation schedule to align the 2020 New Jersey Student Learning Standards including the science, social studies, comprehensive health and physical education, visual and performing arts, world languages, career readiness, life literacies, and key skills, and computer science and design thinking, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:8-2.1(a).

**Resolution to Amend the 2020 New Jersey Student Learning Standards
Curriculum Implementation Schedule**

Whereas, the New Jersey State Board of Education is empowered, pursuant to P. L. 1990, c. 52, P. L. 1991, c. 3 and P. L. 1991, c. 62, with the authority to establish the State's educational goals and standards; and

Whereas, the New Jersey Student Learning Standards define the knowledge and skills students should acquire within their kindergarten through grade 12 education careers to graduate high school with the ability to succeed in entry-level, credit-bearing academic college courses and in workforce training programs; and

Whereas, the State Board of Education adopted a resolution on June 3, 2020, that directs that the revised New Jersey Student Learning Standards – Visual and Performing Arts, Comprehensive Health and Physical Education, Science, Social Studies, Computer Science and Design Thinking, World Languages, and Career Readiness, Life Literacies, and Key Skills will serve as standards of quality for public school students in kindergarten through grade 12 programs in New Jersey; and

Whereas, the adopted resolution required district boards of education to implement the revised New Jersey Student Learning Standards for Science, Visual and Performing Arts, World Languages, and Career Readiness, Life Literacies, and Key Skills by September 2021 and Comprehensive Health and Physical Education, Social Studies, and Computer Science and Design Thinking by September 2022, align their curricula with the standards and ensure students learn and are assessed as required by federal law; and

Whereas, as of the date of this resolution, the Coronavirus disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) Public Health Emergency, which was declared by Governor Murphy on March 9, 2020, through Executive Order No. 103, continues to exist; and

Whereas, the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency has made it difficult for school districts to engage in curriculum writing processes this year as planned because their focus and resources have been directed to providing effective hybrid instruction, ensuring safe and healthy school environments and addressing their students’ and staff mental health and wellness; and

Whereas, the State Board of Education acknowledges the challenges that school districts have been facing as a result of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency and believes that, to support school districts in revising and rewriting curriculum aligned to the 2020 NJSLS in a manner that results in a robust and viable instructional resource, it is necessary to adjust the curriculum implementation schedule that is described above; and now therefore be it

Resolved, the State Board of Education reaffirms its commitment to ensuring the Standards both set expectations for and meet the needs of New Jersey’s students and, by adoption of this resolution, hereby directs school districts to integrate the New Jersey Student Learning Standards – Visual and Performing Arts, Comprehensive Health and Physical Education, Science, Social Studies, Computer Science and Design Thinking, World Languages, and Career Readiness, Life Literacies, and Key Skills in kindergarten through grade 12; and be it further

Resolved, the school districts shall align their curriculum to the revised 2020 New Jersey Student Learning Standards for Visual and Performing Arts, Comprehensive Health and Physical Education, Science, Social Studies, and Computer Science and Design Thinking, World Languages and Career Readiness, Life Literacies, and Key Skills by September 2022 and ensure students learn and are assessed as required by federal law.

***E. Standards and Assessments**

- Approved for publication in the *New Jersey Register* the Notice of Substantive Changes pertaining to assessment and graduation requirements at N.J.A.C. 6A:8, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:4-15 and N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-10 through 14, 18A:7C-1 et seq., 18A:7E-2 through 5, 18A:35-4.2 and 4.7, and 18A:59-5.

***F. State Board of Education Rulemaking**

- Approved for publication in the *New Jersey Register* the readoption with amendments pertaining to rulemaking at N.J.A.C. 6A:6, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:4-15 and 52:14B-1.

G. School District Operations

- Discussed the readoption with amendments and new rules at N.J.A.C. 6A:32, School District Operations, pertaining to the daily operation of schools, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:4-10 and 15, 18A:6-50, 18A:10-6, 18A:12-21 et seq., 18A:13-14, 18A:16-1, 18A:17-14 through 14.3, 15, 17, 20, and 32, 18A:22-14 and 19, 18A:24-11, 18A:28-9 and 13, 18A:29-9, 11, and 13 to 16, 18A:38-1, 18A:40-12.1, P.L. 2020, c. 27, and the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (P.L. 115-141).

New Business

There was no new business.

Public Testimony

The State Board accepted written testimony on the State Board of Education Rulemaking Process readoption. The State Board also accepted Open Topic written public testimony on any educational topic of choice.

Adjournment

On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board of Education adjourned its May 5, 2021, public meeting at 11:56 a.m.

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Acting Secretary, N.J. State Board of Education