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TO: Members of the State Board of Education
FROM: Nancy S. Grasmick *Nancy*
DATE: December 10-11, 2009
SUBJECT: Review of COMAR 13A.12.03.11, School Social Worker

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this item is to inform you of the results of a required review of COMAR 13A.12.03.11, School Social Worker, as stated in the regulation, §B (attached). This review provided for consideration of regulatory effectiveness since adoption in 2005 and the potential need for requiring additional criteria, primarily-school focused, to obtain initial certification as a School Social Worker.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

At your March 24, 2009 meeting, staff notified you that this regulation contained a time-sensitive component which required initiating a review of the regulation on or after December 1, 2008 but not later than March 31, 2009 to consider amending the regulation by including additional criteria specific to the school setting to obtain certification as a School Social Worker.

Staff convened a Work Group which included representatives from local school systems, non-public schools, Department staff, and related professional associations. The Work Group met on July 16, 2009 to discuss potential additional requirements. After substantial discussion, the Work Group unanimously concluded that no additional requirements were needed.

SUMMARY:

The regulation providing for the certification of School Social Workers, adopted in September, 2005, contained a time-sensitive provision for a review (on or after December 1, 2008 but not later than March 31, 2009) to determine if additional criteria were warranted. Staff convened a Work Group which met on July 16, 2009; the Work Group recommended that no additional requirements were warranted.

ACTION:

This item is presented for information and discussion only; no action is required.

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Attachment (1)

13A.12.03.11

.11 School Social Worker.

A. To obtain certification as a school social worker, the applicant shall be licensed by the Maryland State Board of Social Work Examiners as a:

- (1) Graduate social worker;
- (2) Certified social worker; or
- (3) Certified social worker—clinical.

B. On or after December 1, 2008, but not later than March 31, 2009, the Maryland State Board of Education shall initiate a review to consider amending this regulation to include additional criteria to obtain certification as a school social worker, if such criteria are considered appropriate.