

**OFFICE OF QUALITY PROFESSIONALS AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Items**  
**August 18 - 19, 2011**

**EDUCATOR LICENSURE**

27. Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act Process:  
To Approve a Change to the 117 Elementary Education 4-8 License  
Endorsement from Grades 4-8 to 4-6 to Comply with NCLB Guidance as  
Recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education,  
Certification and Licensure Development

Background Information:

In 2002, No Child Left Behind (NCLB) guidance mandated many changes to education. At that time, all Elementary Education licenses were K-4 and 4-8. However, NCLB defined a highly qualified Elementary teacher as K-6. Our Elementary programs in the state and the nation made changes to comply with federal guidance. We began granting K-6 licenses for all Elementary Education majors in May of 2007. However, we have never changed the Elementary 4-8 license to comply with NCLB guidance.

Many of our Master of Arts in Teaching alternate route programs offer an upper Level Elementary Education track for grades 4-8. We have told teachers that complete this program that they are only highly qualified for grades 4-6. We are proposing an overdue recommendation to change the 117 license endorsement for Elementary Ed 4-8 to Elem Ed 4-6 to comply with federal regulations. If approved, this will make this license much clearer to those that hold the license for what they are certified and highly qualified to teach.

The Certification Commission approved this recommendation at the July 8, 2011 Commission meeting and recommend this change to the State Board for approval.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-material attached