

CALL TO ORDER	At 7:05 p.m., the January 20, 2026, meeting of the Susquehanna Township Board of School Directors was called to order by President Jesse Rawls, Sr.
SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT	Mr. Jesse Rawls, Sr., Ms. Tameka Hatcher, Ms. Elise LeMelle, Mrs. Jackie Hill, Mr. Jayonn Folks, Mr. Eric Hedenberg, Keita Kalonji Johnson, Esq., Mr. Steven H. Johnson, Sr.
ABSENT	Dr. Anita Mareno
DISTRICT OFFICE PRESENT	Dr. Tamara Willis, Dr. Andrae Martin, Mrs. Kathy Ciaciulli, Mrs. Carrie Martin, Dr. Erika Willis, Ms. Ann-Marie Rathmell, Mr. Justin Green, Mr. Jonathan Bishop
SOLICITOR	Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC
EXECUTIVE SESSION	The President announced that executive session was held immediately prior to the meeting for the purpose of personnel and real student matters.
INTRODUCTIONS/ GUEST PRESENTATIONS	<p>1. Mr. Matt Wildasin, Boyer and Ritter, presented the STSD 25-26 FY Independent Local Audit Report (attached to BoardDocs). The district has received an unmodified opinion, the highest rating.</p> <p>Mrs. Hill commended the district for its unmodified opinion.</p> <p>2. Representative Justin Fleming shared information and updates on legislation related to school funding. (attached to Minutes)</p> <p>The Board had discussion with Representative Fleming on the budget and various areas of school funding.</p>
REPORTS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS	<p>Mr. K. Johnson shared that students from the district will be participating in a round table with the Bureau of Elections. There is a severe shortage of election poll workers and encouraged students who are eligible to seek more information on volunteering.</p> <p>Student Board Representatives: Suha Rockwell and Amare Johnson presented a report highlighting recent activities and events from district buildings. (attached to BoardDocs)</p> <p>Dauphin County Technical School: Mr. S. Johnson shared a report. (attached to BoardDocs)</p>

Capital Area Intermediate Unit (CAIU): Mrs. Hill shared that this will be her last month serving on the CAIU board. She thanked the CAIU, the 19 board directors and staff for serving with her the past two years. Ms. Hatcher will be replacing Mrs. Hill as the district’s representative to the CAIU.

Superintendent’s Report: Dr. Tamara Willis recognized each board member with a certificate and small token of appreciation in honor of School Board Appreciation Month. Dr. Willis reported that the high school kitchen renovations have been completed and the new kitchen opened to students on January 5, 2026. On opening day, more than 200 breakfasts and over 500 lunches were served. As a result of the renovations, the district has been able to increase the use of fresh produce, offer more heart-healthy options, and reduce the level of food processing. Dr. Willis thanked Mrs. McMichael, Director of Food Services, for her leadership and work on the project. Additionally, the American Heart Association provided hands-only CPR training for high school students today.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR JANUARY 20, 2026

**MOTION TO AMEND
AGENDA**

2.A. Moved by Ms. Hatcher, seconded by Mr. K. Johnson to amend the agenda moving item 2.B., Board Comments, to new item 3.B.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Aye: Mr. Hedenberg, Mr. Folks, Ms. Hatcher, Ms. LeMelle, Mrs. Hill, Mr. S. Johnson, Mr. K. Johnson
Nay: Mr. Rawls
Abstain: None
Absent: Dr. Mareno

Motion passed 7-1, 0 abstentions, 1 absent (Dr. Mareno)

**MOTION TO APPROVE
AS AMENDED**

2.A. Moved by Mr. K. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Folks, to approve the January 20, 2026 meeting agenda as amended.
Motion passed 8-0, 0 abstentions, 1 absent (Dr. Mareno)

III.A. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Ms. LeMelle read a statement outlining the guidelines for public comment.

SPEAKER

Ab. Mussie, Az. Mussie, Sh. Gurung, and Se. Gurung shared their concerns with the boys soccer program and coaching.

The student athletes were advised by Mr. Rawls to speak with the Athletic Director.

The Board had discussion on the procedures for students speaking during public comment.

SPEAKER **C. Edwards** expressed his thoughts on the naming of buildings and objective performance standards being posted on the district’s website.

SPEAKER **W. Harmon** spoke about School Board Appreciation month. He expressed concern with board members who are absent from meetings. Mr. Harmon also spoke in support of student poll workers.

III.B. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Hatcher recognized the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. She wanted the soccer team to know she appreciated their civic engagement and their participation. She expressed concern that their questions were not answered.

Ms. LeMelle shared information about the 4-Minute Community Aide team and opportunities for individuals interested in learning CPR. She also requested clarification regarding graduation credit requirements and PIAA eligibility and inquired about the district’s status with the new evidence-based reading curriculum.

The Board had discussions on academic credits and proper procedure for student concerns.

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

PRESENTATION **4.A.** Mrs. Kathy Ciaciulli presented a Finance Report (attached to BoardDocs)

PRESENTATION **4.B.** Mrs. Kathy Ciaciulli presented a 2026-27 Budget Development Update (attached to BoardDocs)

The board had discussion on tax appeals and revenue sources.

Mr. Folks left the meeting at 9:27 p.m.

V. MINUTES

MOTION TO APPROVE **5.A.** Moved by Ms. Hatcher, seconded by Mr. K. Johnson, to approve Item 5.A. Motion passed 7-0, 0 abstentions, 2 absent (Mr. Folks, Dr. Mareno)

5.A. Approve the Minutes of the December 4, 2025, Reorganization Meeting.

VI. PROGRAM

MOTION TO APPROVE

6.A. Moved by Mr. K. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Hedenberg, to approve Item 6.A. Motion passed 7-0, 0 abstentions, 2 absent (Mr. Folks, Dr. Mareno)

6.A. Approve the STHS course planning guide for the 2026-2027 school year, as attached.

Mr. Folks rejoined the meeting at 9:29 p.m.

VII. PERSONNEL

MOTION TO APPROVE

7.A.B.C.D.E.F.G.H.I.J.K. Moved by Mr. K. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Hatcher to approve Items 7.A.B.C.D.E.F.G.H.I.J.K. Motion passed 8-0, 0 abstentions, 1 absent (Dr. Mareno)

7.A.1. Approve the resignation of Emilee Criss as Elementary Teacher at Thomas W. Holtzman Jr. Elementary School, effective date to be determined. Emilee Criss has been with the district since August 14, 2024.

7.A.2. Approve the resignation of Christine Flemister as Part -Time Food Service Worker at Susquehanna Township High School effective January 5, 2026. Christine Flemister has been with the district since October 15, 2025.

7.A.3. Approve the resignation of Amanda Bouch as Lunch Monitor at Sara Lindemuth Anna Carter Primary School effective December 22, 2025. Amanda Bouch has been with the district since August 11, 2025.

7.B. Approve the transfer from Special Education Teacher to Special Education Teacher ELA for Sarah McCleaf at Susquehanna Township Middle School effective January 21, 2026. Sarah is replacing Jamie Wiley.

7.C.1. Approve the transfer of Celeste Francis from Substitute Food Service Worker to Part-Time Food Service Worker at Susquehanna Township High School at a rate of \$15.00 per hour, effective February 1, 2026. Celeste is replacing Christine Flemister.

7.C.2. Approve the transfer of Shaunell Colston from Part-Time Food Service Substitute to Part Time Food Service Worker at Susquehanna Township High School at a rate of \$15.00 per hour, effective February 1, 2026. Shaunell is replacing Patricia Gulley-Gray.

7.C.3. Approve the transfer of Pashupati Siwakoti from Night Custodian at Sara Lindemuth Anna Carter to Night Custodian at Thomas W. Holtzman Jr. Elementary School effective January 21, 2026. Pashupati is replacing March Garcia de Pichardo.

7.D. Amend the transfer of Michaelann Roman from Payroll Coordinator to Interim District Accountant from effective date to be determined to effective December 2, 2025. There was no change in salary.

7.E.1. Amend Amanda Hookway as Learning Support Teacher at Susquehanna Township Middle School from start date to be determined to February 17, 2026.

7.E.2. Approve Hunter Harnish as Special Education Teacher at Susquehanna Township Middle School at a salary of \$60,830.00 (pro-rated) effective date to be determined.

7.F.1. Approve the employment of Thomas Gochenauer as Courier at Susquehanna Township School District at a rate of \$17.50 per hour, start date to be determined. Thomas is replacing Anthony Henderson.

7.F.2. Approve the employment of Camera Fells as Paraprofessional at Sara Lindemuth Anna Carter Primary School at a rate of \$20.58 per hour effective date to be determined. Camera is replacing Eric Brooks.

7.G.1. Approve the creation of new STEA Positions at Oslwen Anderson Center (OAC):

Instructional Coach	School Counselor
Certified School Nurse (CSN)	Learning Support Teacher
Art Teacher	

7.H. Approve the creation of new STEA position of Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth (AEDY) Instructor at Oslwen Anderson Center (OAC) and the corresponding job description.

7.I.1. Approve the following Assistant Track Coaches at Susquehanna Township Middle School at a stipend of \$2,500.00 for the 2025-2026 school year:

Aminah McCraw	Stephen Hairston
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7.I.2. Approve Morgan Barksdale as Mentor for Hunter Harnish at Susquehanna Township Middle School a stipend of \$1,000.00 (pro-rated) effective January 21, 2026.

7.J. Approve the MOU between Susquehanna Township School District and STEA.

7.K. Approve the MOU between Susquehanna Township School District and STEA.

VIII. FINANCES

MOTION TO APPROVE

8.A.B.C.D.E.F.G.H. Moved by Mr. Folks, seconded by Mr. Hedenberg, to approve Items 8.A.B.C.D.E.F.G.H.

Motion passed 8-0, 0 abstentions, 1 absent (Dr. Mareno)

8.A. Approve the payment of First National General Fund Checking bills from the First National General Fund Checking, as listed on the Computer Check Summary, totaling \$4,234,027.23

8.B. Approve the payment of Food Service bill from the Food Service Checking, as listed on the Computer Check Summary, totaling \$550.00.

8.C. Approve the Food Service Cash Balance of \$3,487,276.02.

8.D. Approve the General Fund Cash Balance of \$4,612,442.50.

8.E. Approve the payment of New Construction Capital Projects Fund Checking bills from the New Construction Capital Projects Fund Checking, as listed on the Computer Check Summary, totaling \$1,729,144.67.

8.F.1. Approve the following Personal Tax Refund:

Taxpayer Name: Shane Hollamby

Bill #: 021143

Year: 2024

Refund Amount: \$274.40

Reason: Shane Hollamby is not a Susquehanna Township resident; paid taxes in error.

8.F.2. Approve the following Personal Tax Refund:

Taxpayer Name: Garam Farhat

Bill #: 009081

Year: 2024

Refund Amount: \$274.40

Reason: Garam Farhat is not a Susquehanna Township resident; paid taxes in error.

8.F.3. Approve the following Personal Tax Refund:

Taxpayer Name: Belinda Ward

Bill #: 021023

Year: 2023
Refund Amount: \$113.20
Reason: Belinda Ward made less than \$5,000.00; paid taxes in error.

8.F.4. Approve the following Personal Tax Refunds:

Taxpayer Name: Carla Holloway
Bill #: 008506
Year: 2022
Refund Amount: \$264.60
Bill #: 008852
Year: 2023
Refund Amount: \$264.60
Bill #: 009685
Year: 2024
Refund Amount: \$264.60
Total amount of refund \$793.80
Reason: Carla Holloway made less than \$5,000.00; paid taxes in error.

8.F.5. Approve the following Personal Tax Refunds:

Taxpayer Name: Ponea Tamang
Bill #: 020829
Year: 2023
Refund Amount: \$274.40
Bill #: 021026
Year: 2024
Refund Amount: \$274.40
Total amount of refund \$548.80
Reason: Ponea Tamang is disabled; paid taxes in error.

8.F.6. Approve the following Personal Tax Refund:

Taxpayer Name: Kandace Farhat
Bill #: 009082
Year: 2024
Refund Amount: \$9.80
Reason: Kandace Farhat is not a resident of Susquehanna Township; paid taxes in error.

8.G. Accept the STSD Independent Local Audit Report for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year as presented by the district's local audit firm, Boyer & Ritter, LLC.

8.H. Approve the purchase of furniture for the Oslwen Anderson Center.

IX. CONTRACTS

MOTION TO APPROVE

9.A.B.C.D.E.F.G.H.I.J.K.L.M.N.O. Moved by Mr. K. Johnson, seconded by Ms. LeMelle to approve Items 9.A.B.C.D.E.F.G.H.I.J.K.L.M.N.O.
Motion passed 8-0, 0 abstentions, 1 absent (Dr. Mareno)

9.A. Retroactively approve the PEPPM proposal with Marco Technologies to provide 50 interactive displays for use at the Oslwen C. Anderson, Jr. Center. Interactive displays have transformed classroom learning by replacing traditional projectors with dynamic, touch-enabled technology. Unlike projectors, which only show static content, interactive displays allow teachers and students to engage directly with lessons through touch, annotation, and real-time collaboration. These displays integrate with educational software, enabling multimedia presentations, interactive quizzes, and digital whiteboarding—all without the need for separate devices or calibration. Their ability to support hybrid learning and provide clearer visuals makes them a more versatile and effective tool for modern classrooms.

9.B. Retroactively approve PEPPM proposal with Marco Technologies to provide 40 interactive displays for use at the Thomas W. Holtzman, Jr. Elementary School. Interactive displays have transformed classroom learning by replacing traditional projectors with dynamic, touch-enabled technology. Unlike projectors, which only show static content, interactive displays allow teachers and students to engage directly with lessons through touch, annotation, and real-time collaboration. These displays integrate with educational software, enabling multimedia presentations, interactive quizzes, and digital whiteboarding—all without the need for separate devices or calibration. Their ability to support hybrid learning and provide clearer visuals makes them a more versatile and effective tool for modern classrooms.

9.C. Approve the agreement between CADY and Susquehanna Township School District.

9.D. Approve the agreement with Davis Vision as presented.

9.E. Approve the extension agreements with Lifetouch National School Studios, Inc. as the district's portrait provider effective for the 2026-27 and 2027-28 school year, as outlined in the attached agreement, inclusive of specified pricing and complimentary services.

9.F. Approve a change order credit in the amount of \$11,110 for unused allowances associated with the High School Landscaping project. This change order reduces the total project cost from \$59,636 to \$48,526.

9.G. Approve COSTARS agreement with GDC to provide docks for use in classroom, conference, and office spaces at the Oslwen C. Anderson, Jr. Center. The Dell Pro

Smart Dock (SD25) is a USB-C docking station designed for enterprise workspaces, offering powerful features and seamless IT management. It delivers up to 130 W power for Dell systems (96 W for non-Dell) and connects via a 90 cm ambidextrous USB-C cable. The dock supports up to four external displays.

9.H. Approve COSTARS agreement with GDC to provide phones for use at the Oslwen C. Anderson, Jr. Center. The phones will integrate with our existing phone system. Three models of phones are included. The office phone is the Yealink T58. The classroom phone is the Yealink T44, and the Conference phone is the Yealink CP965.

9.I. Approve COSTARS agreement with GDC to provide Eaton manufacturer approved UPS battery replacement, maintenance, system startup, and 5-year warranty. The UPS at OAC is a top of the line unit. However, due to the UPS sitting dormant for multiple years, the batteries need replaced. Additionally, to ensure we can continue to have warranty coverage on the equipment, the manufacturer requires approved maintenance and startup. The structured startup procedure will verify proper operation through system checks, calibration, and controlled load testing, ensuring the UPS is fully prepared to support the expected load.

9.J. Approve the PEPPM agreement with Illuminated Integration to provide and install a mass notification paging solution for the Oslwen C. Anderson, Jr. Center. The solution features AtlasIED speakers and Singlewire Informacast software. InformaCast is a comprehensive mass notification and incident management platform that enables organizations to quickly send alerts across multiple channels—such as IP phones, speakers, desktops, and mobile devices. Beyond emergency communication, it offers paging, bell scheduling, floor plans, and reporting. With strong integration capabilities and scalable administration, InformaCast helps organizations enhance safety, streamline communication, and ensure rapid, coordinated responses during critical events.

9.K. Approve the PEPPM agreement with KIT to provide the hardware for access control at The Oslwen C. Anderson, Jr. Center. The foundation of the solution expands on our existing Kantech wired access control solution used through the District. Building upon that foundation is the Salto wireless access control solution which will be used for classrooms and offices. Salto's wireless lock system delivers standout advantages by combining sleek design with powerful, wire-free access control. Its battery-powered electronic locks are easy to install—no hard wiring required—making deployment fast and clean. The system also enhances security with full audit trails and eliminates traditional keys.

9.L. Approve the COSTARS agreement with Visual Sound to provide and install the technology for use in the board room at The Oslwen C. Anderson, Jr. Center. The design is highly flexible and modular, allowing the space to be easily reconfigured for

multiple purposes. While being modular, it will also have multiple modes; a streamlined interface to make using it easy and non-technical, as well as a technical mode providing advanced controls. The technology provided includes displays, microphones, speakers, cameras and technology to improve the live streaming experience.

9.M. Approve the independent contractor agreement between Susquehanna Township School District and Mr. O. Anderson. Mr. Anderson will serve as Project Manager for the period of January 1, 2026, through August 31, 2026.

9.N. Approve the Agreement with the Capital Area Intermediate Unit (CAIU) for the Capital Area Pathways to Teaching (CAPT) Partnership. CAPT will enable the next generation of teachers to earn their Associates, or Bachelors degrees through embedded coursework while working full-time in the classroom.

9.O. Approve the 5-year Affiliation Agreement with Walden University to provide field experience for undergraduate, graduate, and post-graduate students in the fields of nursing, social work, counseling, psychology and interdisciplinary studies.

X. POLICY

MOTION TO APPROVE

10.A. Moved by Mr. Hedenberg, seconded by Ms. Hatcher, to approve Item 10.A. Motion passed 8-0, 0 abstentions, 1 absent (Dr. Mareno)

XI. OTHER

MOTION TO APPROVE

11.A.B.C. Moved by Mr. K. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Folks to approve Items 11.A.B.C. Motion passed 8-0, 0 abstentions, 1 absent (Dr. Mareno)

11.A. Approve the overnight field trip request for one student, contingent upon the student being selected for All-State Band, to attend the All-State Band rehearsals at Carlisle Area High School from March 19–21, 2026. No transportation is required.

11.B. Approve the overnight field trip request for one student, contingent upon the student being selected for All-State Band, to attend the All-State Band Festival at the Kalahari Resort from April 22–25, 2026. No transportation is required.

11.C. Approve the overnight, out-of-state field trip for Indoor Color Guard to travel to Wildwood, New Jersey on April 30 through May 3, 2026, for the Indoor Color Guard Championships.

MOTION TO APPROVE

11.D. Moved by Ms. Hatcher, seconded by Mr. Hedenberg to approve Item 11.D.
Motion passed 7-1 (Mr. K. Johnson), 0 abstentions, 1 absent (Dr. Mareno)

11.D. Approve the 2026-2027 STSD School Calendar.

MOTION TO APPROVE

11.E.F. Moved by Mr. K. Johnson, seconded by Mr. S. Johnson to approve Items 11.E.F.
Motion passed 8-0, 0 abstentions, 1 absent (Dr. Mareno)

11.E. Approve Mr. Jayonn Folks, STSD Board Director, as the representative to the Susquehanna Township Board of Commissioners.

11.F. Approve STSD Board of School Director Tameka Hatcher as the district's representative to the CAIU Board effective January 23, 2026. Ms. Hatcher will be filling the unexpired term ending June 30, 2028.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

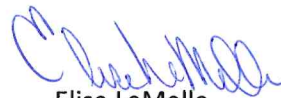
None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved by Mr. S. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Folks to adjourn the meeting.
Motion passed: 8-0, 0 abstentions, 1 absent (Dr. Mareno)

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.



Elise LeMelle
Board Secretary

- Students cannot be prevented from graduating or be penalized by the school for failing to complete the FAFSA or opt-out form.

Exit Counseling (SB33 Hughes):

- Clarifies that institutions of higher education must make financial aid exit counseling available to students with education loans the institution is aware of, rather than for all students who do not opt out.

Performance-Based Funding:

- Enacts new performance metrics, including student progression and graduation rates, to inform the distribution of funds for Penn State, Pitt, and Temple beginning in 2026/27.

Nursing Shortage Assistance Program (HB1676 Kosierowski):

- Establishes a grant program, administered by PHEAA, for qualified nursing servicers to assist nurses with securing employment and repaying student loans.

Other Provisions:

- Authorizes independent (nonprofit) colleges and universities to share campus police or public safety services.
- Requires PHEAA to establish a 50-student pilot program to extend a state scholarship grant beyond the four- or five-year limit for non-traditional students.

Additional Provisions

Truancy (SB984 Pennycuick):

- Prohibits a child who is habitually truant from transferring to a cyber charter school unless a judge determines it is in the best interest of the child.
- Requires the school in which a habitually truant student is currently enrolled to provide an attendance improvement plan and pursue other remedies.
- Provides new requirements for courts regarding penalties for violating school attendance requirements, including:
 - If a judge enters a sentence after the school year ends, penalties are limited to community service or completion of an attendance improvement plan.
 - If the court requires a person to perform community service or complete a course, program, or plan, the court will relinquish jurisdiction upon completion.

Evidence-Based Reading (HB684 Ortitay/SB700 Robinson):

- Requires schools to adopt an evidence-based reading curriculum by the 2027-28 school year.
- Requires school entities to adopt a professional development training program for evidence-based reading.
- Requires schools to screen K-3 students for reading competency three times each year.
- Contingent on funding, PDE may establish a grant program to aid schools with costs.

School Safety and Security (SB930 Martin)

- Incorporates school safety recommendations from the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee (LBFC) report on school safety initiatives in 2025.
- Adds a member to the School Safety and Security Committee (SSSC) who is a subject matter expert in cyber security and adds cyber security as an eligible use of grant funding.
- Requires PCCD to review school safety and security assessment providers every three years.
- Requires school security personnel to complete new training in accordance with standards approved by the SSSC.

School-Sponsored Activities (HB685 Moul/Conklin):

- Requires school entities, nonpublic schools, and the PIAA to accept cash as a form of payment for admission to a school-sponsored activity.

Miscellaneous Provisions:

- Expands the number of seats for the Bridgeway Drug and Alcohol Recovery High School from 20 to 35.
- Allows PDE to conduct a consolidation feasibility study for Duquesne City SD.
- Requires the PIAA to livestream all meetings beginning January 1, 2026.



Omnibus Education Language, Senate Bill 315 (Culver)

Underlying Bill

Career and Technical Education Equipment Grants: Requires data used to calculate career and technical education equipment grant funding for the following school year to be fixed as of June 1.

Funding Implementation and Reform:

- Drives out \$565 million in adequacy and tax equity funding.
- Reforms the cyber charter tuition rate, which is estimated to save school districts \$178 million (15% in aggregate) in 25/26.
- Drives out \$100 million in school safety and mental health grants.
- Increases the Public Library Subsidy by \$5 million.
- Level-funds community colleges.
- Raises the Ready-to-Succeed Scholarship income limit to \$200,000.
- Increases the EITC cap by \$50 million, directed toward the supplemental scholarship for economically disadvantaged schools.

Teacher Certification

Certificate Fee Reduction (HB 1402 Schweyer):

- Caps teacher certification fees at \$50.
- Waives fees for active military members, veterans, and their spouses.

Inactive Certification for Educators (1403 Borowski):

- Requires PDE to allow certified educators to put their certification on pause (inactive certification) without facing penalties or fees.
- Allows educators to remove their inactive status after completing 30 continuing professional education (CPE) hours within 18 months, up from 12 months.
- Allows educators to remove their inactive status sooner if an educator has a job offer from a school entity.

Experience-Based Certification (1404 Curry):

- Expands certification opportunities for second-career individuals who want to become educators at a school district or career and technical center (CTC).
- Extends the validity of these certificates from 3 to 5 years, allowing second-career individuals more time to complete their instructional certification while teaching in the classroom.

Certificate Structure & Grade Spans (1407 Nelson):

- Establishes new grade spans for certificates issued after July 1, 2028:

- Primary: PreK–Grade 6 (Ages 3–11)
- Secondary: Grades 7–12 (Ages 11–21)
- Specialized Areas: PreK–Grade 12 (Ages 3–21)

Cosmetology/Barber Training through Career and Technical Center Pilot Program: HB 1627 (Kazeem)/SB 878 (Pennycuick) and HB 1626 (Guzman) and SB 877 (Pennycuick):

- Makes each pilot program permanent.

Career & Technical (CTE) Administrative Director Certification (1536 Cutler):

- Allows an educator to become employed as a CTE director if they have received a superintendent-issued eligibility letter, have 3+ years of CTE leadership experience, and have completed a graduate program in CTE leadership.

Intermediate Unit (IU) Certification:

- Allows school business officials with at least four years’ experience in business, finance or management to qualify to be an IU executive director or assistant executive director.

Cyber Charter Policy Reform

Wellness Check Requirements (HB 1500 Isaacson/ SB 927 Pennycuick):

- Requires cyber charter schools to submit a wellness check policy to PDE and ensure each student is visibly seen and communicated with in real time by an educator.
- If a cyber charter school fails to comply, PDE may impose:
 - Additional reporting requirements.
 - Mandated child abuse prevention training for staff.
 - Requiring the cyber charter school to meet in person with each student at least once per school year.
 - Prohibiting state grants issued by PDE.

Residency Checks (HB1500 Isaacson/SB984 Pennycuick):

- Requires parents/guardians of a student to provide proof of residency to both the cyber charter school and the student’s school district of residence twice during each school year.

Attendance Requirements (SB984 Pennycuick):

- Requires brick-and-mortar and cyber charter schools to establish policies to determine when a child has an absence or is present for instruction.
- Requires cyber charter schools to establish a policy to determine when a child has an absence or is present for synchronous instruction and asynchronous instruction.

Higher Education

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) (SB310 Martin):

- Requires high school students to file a FAFSA or submit an opt-out form, made available by PDE, prior to completing high school.