

## March 31, 2011 Meeting Highlights

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On March 31, the [State Board of Education](#) (SBE) met in Olympia, Washington, at the Department of Licensing, to:

- Review the Required Action procedure and clarify the roles of SBE, the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, and districts in that process.
- Review the Required Action plans for the following Districts:
  - Renton School District (Lakeridge Elementary)
  - Onalaska School District (Onalaska Middle School)
  - Soap Lake School District (Soap Lake Middle/High School)
  - Morton School District (Morton Junior/Senior High School)
- Review rule revisions to the Basic Education Compliance process.

### STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION ACTIONS

SBE approved the following school districts' Required Action plans:

- Renton
- Soap Lake (contingent on revisions to the plan provided to the Board by April 11)
- Morton (contingent on revisions to the plan provided to the Board by April 11)

SBE did not approve the following district's Required Action plan:

- Onalaska (they will have an opportunity to send a revised plan by May 10)

### REQUIRED ACTION PLANS- REVIEW

In 2010, the legislature adopted a new Required Action process to address the need for dramatic turnaround in our persistently lowest-achieving schools.

The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) recommended, and SBE designated, four districts for Required Action in 2011. These districts are required to develop clear and comprehensive plans for student improvement. These Required Action plans must also address the findings of a third-party audit of the building's strengths and weaknesses.

After an initial evaluation by OSPI, an SBE review team of Board Members and staff conducted a thorough review of the original plans, the revised plans, the academic performance audits, and other supplemental materials in order to make a recommendation to the full Board to approve or not approve each Required Action plan.

At the March 31 meeting, representatives from the four Required Action Districts provided a brief summary of their Required Action plans and addressed questions raised by Board members.

The Board voted on each of the plans at the end of the meeting.

### **BASIC EDUCATION COMPLIANCE RULES REVISION**

Staff presented rule revisions for the Basic Education Compliance process. The revisions should streamline the process for the mutual benefit of both SBE and local school districts.

The next State Board of Education meeting will be in Pasco, Washington on May 11-12, 2011, at the Columbia Basin Community College.

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