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FULL NOTICE OF INTENT TO REVISE ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION LOAN APPLICATION AND LOAN APPROVAL, STANDARDS FOR SCHOOLBUSES, SCHOOL DISTRICT COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS, SPECIAL EDUCATION, MATH CURRICULUM, ASSESSMENT OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS, AND PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (NDDPI) will hold a public hearing to address proposed changes of N.D. Admin. Code 67-10, School Construction Loan Application and Loan Approval; 67-12, Standards for Schoolbuses, 67-13, School District Cooperative Agreements; Special Education, 67-23; the creation of 67-34, Math Curriculum; the creation of 67-35, Assessment of School Buildings, and the creation of 67-36, Public Charter Schools; at 9:30 AM on **Tuesday, December 2, 2025**, in the Brynhild Haugland Room at the State Capitol, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Bismarck, ND 58505.

The purpose of the proposed changes is to amend 67-10-03, School Construction Loan Application and Loan Approval- School Construction Assistance Revolving Loan Fund, to align with changes made to the maximum loan amounts in NDCC 15.1-36-08 by HB 1369 of the 69<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly; to amend 67-12-01, Standards for Schoolbuses, to align with updated federal transportation standards regarding school bus construction; to amend 67-13-01, School District Cooperative Agreements, to remove language related to cost-sharing reimbursements to align with similar changes to NDCC 15.1-27-16 made by HB 1013 of the 69<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly; to amend 67-23-01, Comprehensive General Plan Requirements for Special Education Programs, to include charter schools in the definitions for a local education agency and for organizations; to create 67-34-01, Professional Development for Grades Kindergarten Through Eight Mathematics, to outline teacher professional development requirements in mathematics in alignment with the creation of NDCC 15.1-21-12.3 by SB 2213 of the 69th Legislative Assembly; to create 67-35-01, Authority for Assessment of School Buildings, to identify authority of the state superintendent related to school building assessment in alignment with the creation of NDCC 15.1-02-25 by HB 1476 of the 69<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly; and to create 67-36-01, Public Chater Schools, to implement procedures for the approval and governance of public charter schools in North Dakota as called for by SB 2241 of the 69<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly. The proposed rules are not expected to have an impact on the regulated community in excess of \$50,000.

The proposed rules may be reviewed at the NDDPI Office of School Approval and Opportunity, ND State Capitol, 600 E. Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck, ND 58505-0440. A copy of the proposed rules may be requested by writing to the above address, to the attention of Jim Upgren, emailing <a href="mailto:jimupgren@nd.gov">jimupgren@nd.gov</a>, or calling 701-328-2244. Written and oral comments may be sent to the above address or telephone number until **5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 15, 2025**. For individuals seeking to attend who will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the NDDPI at the above telephone number or address at least five days prior to the public hearing.

Dated this 20th day of October, 2025.

Jim Upgren, Assistant Director Office of School Approval and Opportunity North Dakota Department of Public Instruction