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PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: The state board of education (SBE) is reviewing chapter 180-16 WAC, State support of public schools; and chapter 180-18 WAC, Waivers for restructuring purposes. The purpose of the review is to ensure the rules allow school districts to address the ongoing disruptions and challenges to educational program delivery while still meeting requirements of the program of basic education. Possible rule making may include changes to chapters 180-16 and 180-18 WAC to improve student outcomes or allow for policies that enhance delivery of the program of basic education. The board may propose changes identified during the review to implement recently passed legislation, make changes as necessary to align rule to current policy or practice, correct references to law, improve readability of the rule, or make other changes identified during the review.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 28A.300.750 and 28A.150.220(7).

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Due to disruptions and other challenges associated with the ongoing health emergency, the board finds it is necessary to review current rules to ensure they sufficiently address the needs of districts for flexibility and accountability as they deliver the program of basic education. Rule making may be needed for improvement of student learning or policies that enhance delivery of the program of basic education. As part of this review of chapters 180-16 and 180-18 WAC, the board may propose changes necessary to implement recently passed legislation, align rule to current policy or practice, correct references to law, improve readability of the rule, or make other changes identified during the review of the WAC chapter.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: Office of superintendent of public instruction.

Process for Developing New Rule: SBE will seek feedback on the rule making from partner agencies and educational advocacy organizations.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Jacki Verd, 600 Washington Street S.E., Olympia, WA 98504, phone 360-725-4475, fax 360-753-6712, email rulescoordinatorSBE@k12.wa.us, website www.sbe.wa.gov; or Parker Teed, 600 Washington Street S.E., Olympia, WA 98504, phone 360-742-4037, fax 360-753-6712, email rulescoordinatorSBE@k12.wa.us, website www.sbe.wa.gov.

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