



PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM RATIONALE

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Terminate the rule-making process concerning the proposed amendments to Rule 13 (Regulations and Procedures for Exempting Schools for Which Parents Elect Not to Meet Legal Requirements for School Approval and Accreditation for Religious Reasons) that were the subject of the hearing held on October 15, 2013.

RATIONALE:

Background information –

On September 6, 2013, the State Board adopted a hearing draft of revisions to Rule 13.

A rule-making hearing was held on October 15, 2013.

On November 7, 2013, NDE staff reported to the Board that they would not be requesting approval of the revised rule, and based on input from the hearing, would plan to meet with interested parties from the exempt school associations and parents to discuss potential alternative future revisions to the rules.

On January 13, 2014, NDE staff met with exempt school associations and parents to discuss alternative revisions. No further revisions have been added to the draft rule since that time.

Staff will meet again with interested parties from the exempt school associations and parents to discuss potential alternative future revisions to the rules and bring a new revised Rule 13 to the board at a future meeting.

Estimated Cost - None.