NOTICE OF RULE-MAKING HEARING NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

NOTICE is hereby given that the Department of Education will hold a rule-making hearing on Tuesday, April 29, 2025, commencing at 9:00 a.m. (CT) on revisions to Title 92, Nebraska Administrative Code, Chapter 3 (Rule 3), Regulations Governing High Ability Learners; Title 92, Nebraska Administrative Code, Chapter 8 (Rule 8), Regulations for School Finance and Budgeting/State Funding of Educational Service Units and Learning Communities; Title 92, Nebraska Administrative Code, Chapter 22 (Rule 22), Regulations Governing the Master Teacher Program; Title 92, Nebraska Administrative Code, Chapter 25 (Rule 25), Regulations Governing the Excellence in Teaching Act; and Title 92, Nebraska Administrative Code, Chapter 26 (Rule 26), Regulations and Procedures for Mentor Teacher Programs.

Testimony will be received via ZOOM. The link for the hearing will be on the Nebraska Department of Education's website at: www.education.ne.gov/legal/public-notices-of-upcoming-rule-hearings/.

The PURPOSE of the proposed revisions to Rule 3 (Regulations Governing High Ability Learners) is to update the provisions in response to statutory revisions and general maintenance to the Rule.

The PURPOSE of the proposed repeal of Rule 8 (Regulations for School Finance and Budgeting/State Funding of Educational Service Units and Learning Communities) is to eliminate an unnecessary duplication of statutes.

The PURPOSE of the proposed repeal of Rule 22 (Regulations Governing the Master Teacher Program) is to harmonize with the repeal of the program by the Legislature.

The PURPOSE of the proposed repeal of Rule 25 (Regulations Governing the Excellence in Teaching Act) is to reflect the statutory transfer of the program to the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education.

The PURPOSE of the proposed repeal of Rule 26 (Regulations and Procedures for Mentor Teacher Programs) is to reflect the repeal of the funding provisions by the Legislature.

The FISCAL IMPACT statements may be obtained and inspected at the Office of the Nebraska Department of Education.

These hearings are being conducted under the provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-907, which provides that a DRAFT COPY OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS AVAILABLE for public examination at the Nebraska Department of Education and at the Office of the Secretary of State, State Capitol Building, Lincoln, Nebraska. A copy of the hearing draft for these Rules are also available on the Nebraska Department of Education's webpage at: https://www.education.ne.gov/legal/public-notices-of-upcoming-rule-hearings/.

All INTERESTED PERSONS are invited to ATTEND and TESTIFY via ZOOM. The link for the hearing will be available on the day of the hearing on the Nebraska Department of Education's website at: www.education.ne.gov/legal/public-notices-of-upcoming-rule-hearings/. Interested persons may also submit written comments to the Nebraska Department of Education prior to the hearing at NDE.RuleHearing@nebraska.gov. Written comments will be made a part of the hearing record at the time of the hearing.

If reasonable accommodations are needed, please contact David Jespersen at <u>David.Jespersen@Nebraska.gov</u> at least five (5) days prior to the hearing.

Dated at Lincoln, Nebraska this 24th day of March, 2025.

Nebraska Department of Education Dr. Brian L. Maher Commissioner of Education