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SUBJECT: PROBATION AND TENURE

Probation

Certified staff members will be appointed to a probationary period by a majority vote of the Board upon recommendation of the Superintendent.

Full-time certified staff members will be appointed to a probationary period of four years. The probationary period will not exceed three years for teachers and principals previously appointed to tenure in this or another school district or BOCES within the state, provided that the teacher was not dismissed from the prior district or BOCES and met the required annual professional performance review (APPR) rating in his/her final year of service there. Additionally, up to two years of service as a regular substitute teacher may be applied toward probationary service for teachers. (This is sometimes referred to as Jarema Credit.)

During the probationary period, a staff member will be given assistance in adjusting to the new position, but the essential qualifications for acceptable performance will be assumed because the staff member attained the required certification or license.

Subject to employee bargaining agreements, a staff member's appointment may be discontinued at any time during his/her probationary period upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and by majority vote of the Board. Any person not recommended for tenure appointment will be notified in writing by the Superintendent no later than 60 days before his/her probationary period expires.

Tenure

The Board will follow all applicable laws and regulations regarding tenure.

At the expiration of the probationary period or within six months prior, the Superintendent will make a written report to the Board recommending for appointment to tenure those certified staff members who have been found competent, efficient, and satisfactory, and who have received the APPR rating of effective or highly effective in three of the preceding four years. If a teacher or principal receive an APPR rating of ineffective in their final probationary year, the Board may not award tenure, but may extend that teacher's or principal's probationary time by an additional year. The teacher or principal may be eligible for immediate tenure if he/she successfully appeals the ineffective rating. The Board may then—by a majority vote—appoint to tenure any or all of the persons recommended by the Superintendent.

When their initial probationary period expires, the teacher or principal will remain on probationary status until the end of the school year in which he/she received APPR ratings of effective or highly effective. The Board may also grant tenure contingent upon a teacher's or principal's receipt of a minimum APPR rating in the final year of the probationary period.

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Resolutions Making Appointments

Each Board resolution making a probationary appointment or an appointment on tenure will specify:

- a) The name of the appointee;
- b) The tenure area or areas in which the professional will devote a substantial portion of his/her time;
- c) The date of commencement of probationary service or service on tenure in each such area; and
- d) The certification status of the appointee in reference to the position to which the individual is appointed.

In addition, resolutions confirming a probationary appointment must include a statement that:

- a) The probationary expiration date will depend on the individual's APPR ratings.
- b) To receive tenure, the individual must receive overall APPR ratings of effective or highly effective in at least three of four preceding years.
- c) If the teacher or principal receive an ineffective composite or overall APPR rating in their final year of probation, they will not be eligible for tenure at that time.

Education Law §§ 2509, 3012, 3012-c, 3012-d, and 3031
8 NYCRR §§ 30-1.3, 80-3.6, 80-3.9, and 80-3.10

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