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**Subject:** Clarifying final items for EQS Rule

Greetings!

The subcommittee is working to finalize a draft of the EQS rule and identified several places where additional clarification or input from AOE is needed. Specifically:

1. Section 2111 is titled "Adoption of Performance Standards" members of the subcommittee noted that AOE also references "Content Area Standards" in other places. The subcommittee would like to clarify whether AOE would like to bring the Section 2111's title revised to reference "Content Area Standards."
2. The subcommittee suggests that Section 2114(5) Career Technical Education (CTE) definition be revised to read, "an educational program that is designed to provide students with technical knowledge, skills and aptitudes to prepare them a high school diploma, further education, enhance their employment options or lead to a postsecondary ..." Please confirm that this change is acceptable to AOE.
3. The subcommittee suggests that Section 2114(37) Supervisory union/Supervisory district (SU/SD) definition be revised to read, "Supervisory union/Supervisory District (SU/SD) means an administrative, planning, and educational service unit created by the State Board of Education. A Supervisory Union (SU) consists of two or more school district, and/or supervisory districts. A Supervisory District (SD) consists of only one school district and may be a unified union school district, inclusive of multiple towns."
4. In Section 2125 the Act 1 Working Group revised the language to strike the term "may" and replaced with "shall" to preference "include data ..." We request AOE's input on whether this change from "may" to "shall" is consistent with statute and AOE's existing policies.

In addition, the subcommittee flagged Sections 2124, 2125 & 2126 of the rule as parts that need to align with the proposed DQS and QA process developed by the Agency. We would like to invite the AOE to meet with the subcommittee on Thursday, February 16 (11 a.m. - 1 p.m.) to discuss alignment between the two documents, as it relates to these sections. We can be flexible with when we might meet with you during that time period, so please suggest a time that works best for members of your team.

Thank you in advance for the clarifications and input,

Tammy