

State Board of Education Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

DATE: March 18, 2025

TO: Dr. Kate Shaw, Executive Director, State Board of Higher Education

FROM: Karen Molchanow, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Response to Request for Feedback from the State Board of Education

The State Board of Education (SBE) is in receipt of a letter from Dr. Ann Bieber, Chair of the State Board of Higher Education's Transfer of Authority Committee (Committee), that requests the SBE's feedback on the Committee's preliminary recommendations related to the transfer of powers and duties related to higher education in Article XXVI-B of the Public School Code.

The SBE held a public meeting on March 13, 2025, to discuss its responsibilities under Act 69 of 2024 and to review the Committee's preliminary recommendations. By way of this memo, I am notifying you of the action taken by the SBE at that meeting and the SBE's request for further collaboration with the State Board of Higher Education (SBHE).

The SBE determined that it would forego agreeing to or rejecting the Committee's recommendations until further consideration of such recommendations is conducted by both entities.

As such, the SBE acted to establish a subcommittee to further study this issue and to engage with representatives of the SBHE to determine areas of joint concern and agreement. The SBE further acted to request that the General Assembly extend the SBHE's deadline for providing feedback regarding the transfer of authority in order to accommodate this fulsome review and to request that the SBHE join the SBE in seeking such an extension from the General Assembly.

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