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NOTICE OF A COMMENT PERIOD ON A PROPOSED RULE

AGENCY: West Virginia Board of Education TITLE NUMBER: 126

RULE TYPE: Procedural; CITE AUTHORITY W. Va. Code 18-2F-1 and 18-2F-2

AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING RULE: YES ___ NO X

IF YES, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING AMENDED: _____

TITLE OF RULE BEING AMENDED: _____

IF NO, SERIES NUMBER OF NEW RULE BEING PROPOSED: 58 (Policy 2650.55)

TITLE OF RULE BEING PROPOSED: Schools of Excellence Recognition

IN LIEU OF A PUBLIC HEARING, A COMMENT PERIOD HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED DURING WHICH ANY INTERESTED PERSON MAY SEND COMMENTS CONCERNING THESE PROPOSED RULES. THIS COMMENT PERIOD WILL END ON September 29, 1989 AT 9:00 a.m.

ONLY WRITTEN COMMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AND ARE TO BE MAILED TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS.

Bureau of General, Professional and Special Education
Room B-318, Bldg. #6, Capitol Complex
Charleston, WV 25305

THE ISSUES TO BE HEARD SHALL BE LIMITED TO THIS PROPOSED RULE.

Barbara L. Estep
August 17, 1989

ATTACH A **BRIEF** SUMMARY OF YOUR PROPOSAL

FISCAL NOTE WORKSHEET

HD NO _____ DRAFT NO _____ BILL NO SB14 RESOLUTION NO _____

SUBJECT Schools of Excellence Recognition FUND _____

SOURCE OF REVENUE: GENERAL SPECIAL OTHER (SPECIFY) _____

COST ESTIMATE BASED ON: AN ORIGINAL ESTIMATE BUDGET BILL OTHER (SPECIFY) _____

INCOME ESTIMATE BASED ON: AN ORIGINAL ESTIMATE BUDGET BILL OTHER (SPECIFY) _____

SHOW OVER-ALL EFFECT IN ITEMS 1 AND 2 AND ITEM 3 GIVE EXPLANATION OF BREAKDOWN BY FISCAL YEAR INCLUDING LONG-RANGE EFFECT

EFFECT OF PROPOSAL	ANNUAL		FISCAL YEAR		
	INCREASE	DECREASE	CURRENT	NEXT	THEREAFTER
1. ESTIMATED TOTAL COST	\$	\$	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 26,250.00	\$ 27,363.00
PERSONAL SERVICES _____	\$				
CURRENT EXPENSES _____					
REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS _____					
EQUIPMENT _____					
OTHER _____					
2. ESTIMATED TOTAL REVENUES	\$	\$	\$ 25,500.00	\$26,250.00	\$ 27,363.00

3. EXPLANATION OF ABOVE ESTIMATES (INCLUDING LONG-RANGE EFFECT):

The above funds will be used to provide grant awards in the amount of \$1,000.00 to each school selected as West Virginia School of Excellence. Awards will be given to eight (8) Elementary; eight (8) Middle/Junior High eight (8) Secondary and one (1) Vocational school.

IMPACTS
FISCAL: \$25,000.00

STATE STAFF: School Improvement Unit, Office of General Education.

DATE _____ AGENCY _____

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE _____

TITLE 126
PROCEDURAL RULE
WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EDUCATION
CHAPTER 18-5
Series 58

(Policy 2650.55)

TITLE: Schools of Excellence Recognition

Section 1. General

- 1.1 Scope - The purpose of this Schools of Excellence Recognition Policy is to establish rules and procedures for publicly recognizing outstanding schools in the state of West Virginia. Additionally, rules and procedures are outlined for the recognition and honoring of teachers, students, parents, or members of the school community who contribute to a school receiving schools of excellence status.
- 1.2 Authority - W.Va. Code 18-2F-1 and 18-2-F-2
- 1.3 Filing Date -
- 1.4 Effective Date -
- 1.5 Repeal of Former Rule - None this is a new rule.

Section 2. Applicability

West Virginia code §18-2F-1 authorized the State Board of Education to promulgate rules outlining criteria for the identification of schools of excellence. Rules and guidelines for selecting schools of excellence are to be developed by the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred and eighty nine.

West Virginia code 18-2F-2 authorized the State Board of Education to promulgate rules outlining appropriate methods of recognizing and honoring teachers, students attending schools of excellence, and parents or community members who have contributed excellence in education at the school.

Section 3. Guidelines

- 3.1 Each year the state board shall select one high school, one middle school, and one elementary school within each regional educational service agency district and one vocational school selected on a statewide basis to be awarded school of excellence status.

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Section 4. Time Sequence for Selection

Schools applying for schools of excellence recognition will follow the application procedures outlined in the following:

- A. On or before September 1 of each year, county superintendents will receive the necessary materials for schools to apply for schools of excellence recognition.
- B. On or before October 1 county superintendents may nominate one elementary, one middle, and one secondary school to represent their respective county in the Schools of Excellence Recognition Program.
- C. On or before February 1 of the current school year, eligible schools will submit their application for Schools of Excellence Recognition to the State Department of Education.
- D. On or before May 1 of the current school year, applications for Schools of Excellence Recognition will be reviewed by a selection committee established by the department of education. The selection committee will consist of broad representation from the public school system, business, higher education, and the lay community. The selection committee will recommend those schools to be recognized to the State Superintendent of Schools and all selections will be final. The selection committee reserves the right to verify any information contained in the written application received from eligible schools.
- E. The selection committee will recommend one elementary, one middle, and one secondary school from each Regional Educational Service Agency district to the State Superintendent of Schools for recognition. Also, one vocational school will be recommended on a statewide bases for recognition.
- F. The State Department of Education will annually review and revise criteria to be included in the Schools of Excellence application.

Section 5. Selection Criteria

Schools will be selected as Schools of Excellence based upon the following criteria:

- A. The quality and degree of implementation of advanced or innovative instructional programs as judged by the selected committee after review of a written application, and

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- B. The degree of parent involvement in the development and implementation of instructional programs for their children.
- C. The degree of community involvement in the development and implementation of programs at the school.
- D. School performance related to the improvement in achievement, attendance, and dropout rates.
- E. Selection criteria will be reviewed and revised annually by the department of education. Each year selection criteria will reflect state-wide educational needs that are supported by data and state board of education priorities for school improvement.

Section 6. Rewards

Schools recognized as schools of excellence and students, parents, teachers, and other community members who contributed to excellence at the school will be recognized and/or rewarded.

- A. All schools determined to be eligible for application for Schools of Excellence Recognition will receive a Certificate of Merit from the State Department of Education.
- B. Schools of Excellence will receive a grant award and a Certificate of Excellence from the State Department of Education. The amount of the grant award given to schools of excellence will be contingent upon annual state appropriations.
- C. County school districts shall be responsible for developing procedures for recognizing teachers, students, parents, and other community members who contribute to schools of excellence recognition.

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