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Notice of Receipt of Petition for Rulemaking

State Board of Examiners and Certification

Swimming and water safety

N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-11.10

Petitioner: Linda Bolger.

Take notice that on March 23, 2018, the New Jersey State Board of Education (State Board) received a petition for rulemaking from the above petitioner requesting the State Board of Education amend N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-11.10 to include a third option for the entity that issues a Water Safety Instructor Certificate required for a swimming and water safety endorsement to an instructional certificate.

The petitioner specifically requests the State Board adopt amendments to N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-11.10(a)4, which requires candidates to hold a valid Water Safety Instructor Certificate issued by the American Red Cross or YMCA, to add the Flotation Aided Swim Training Program (FAST Swim ProgramTM) as an issuer of the required certificate.

The petitioner's request indicates the FAST Swim Program is comparable in benefits and achievements to the American Red Cross and YMCA certificate programs. The petitioner's request states the FAST Swim Program specifically addresses non-swimmers and weak swimmers and is inclusive of students with disabilities.

The petitioner also submitted the FAST Swim Program Instructor Guided Learning Manual and the FAST Swim Program Instructor Training Workbook to be considered as part of the petition's review.

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 1:30-4.2, the Department shall subsequently mail to the petitioner, and file with the Office of Administrative Law, a notice of action on the petition.