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**OFFICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION**

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

The State Superintendent of Education, pursuant to the authority set forth in sections 3(b)(7) and (11) of the State Education Office Establishment Act of 2000, as amended, effective October 21, 2000 (D.C. Law 13-176, D.C. Official Code §§ 38-2602(b)(7) and (11) (2012 Repl.)), with the advice and approval to be requested of the State Board of Education (SBOE) pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 38 38-2652(a)(3) (2012 Repl.), hereby gives notice of her intent to amend section 2202 (Graduation: General Policy) of Chapter 22 (Grades, Promotion, and Graduation) of Title 5 (Education), Subtitle E (Original Title 5) of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (DCMR) in not less than thirty (30) days after the publication of this notice in the *D.C. Register*.

The purpose of the proposed rulemaking is to add a subsection to Title 5-E DCMR § 2202 establishing a state high school diploma that will be provided to District of Columbia students attending and completing the graduation requirements set forth in Title 5-E DCMR § 2203 (Graduation: Academic Requirements) at a school managed by the state education agency, the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE). Without the proposed rulemaking, students attending a school managed by OSSE will not have a means to obtain a diploma upon completing graduation requirements.

**Amend Title 5, EDUCATION, Subtitle E, ORIGINAL TITLE 5, Chapter 22, GRADES, PROMOTION, AND GRADUATION, section 2202 GRADUATION: GENERAL POLICY to read as follows:**

**2202 GRADUATION: GENERAL POLICY**

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2202.10 Notwithstanding and in addition to the Subsections above, a student enrolled in a school managed by the state education agency, the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE), who has successfully completed the requirements set forth in Title 5-E DCMR § 2203 (Graduation: Academic Requirements) shall be eligible for a high school diploma from OSSE. The diploma of a student graduating from a school operated by the State shall bear the signature of the State Superintendent of Education and the seal of OSSE.

All persons desiring to comment on the subject matter of this proposed rulemaking should file comments in writing not later than thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice in the *D.C. Register* via email addressed to: [ossecomments.proposedregulations@dc.gov](mailto:ossecomments.proposedregulations@dc.gov); or by mail or hand delivery to the Office of the State Superintendent of Education, Attn: Jamai Deuberry re: State Education Agency Diploma, 810 First Street, NE 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Washington, DC 20002.

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