

State Board of Education Timeline

Proposed Rules on Approval of Independent Schools

- The SBE initiated review of the independent school rules on November 13, 2015 by directing the Secretary of Education to recommend revisions to these rules “in order to modernize and make them more efficient.”
- The proposed rules were presented to the SBE at its July 29, 2016 meeting, and approved for pre-filing with ICAR.
- ICAR review held on November 14, 2016, and ICAR issued letter of official action on November 15:
 - Opposing filing of the proposed rules with the Secretary of State
 - Requesting further work on the economic impact statements
 - Requesting an opinion from the AG’s Office regarding the State Board’s authority to issue the rules
- Public meeting in St. Johnsbury held on December 6, 2016
- Public meeting in Manchester held on December 12, 2016
- AG’s opinion issued on December 19, 2016
 - “the draft proposed rule is authorized by and consistent with Vermont statutes governing independent schools”