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Dear Ms. Pillar:

The State Board of Education is in receipt of the letter from your organization, dated December 6, 2013, petitioning the Board to adopt certain rules implementing changes made to RCW 28A.600.015 and 28A.600.020, and the adoption of RCW 28A.600.022, by the Washington Legislature in Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5946, passed into law during the 2013 Legislative Session. The draft rules are intended to address concerns regarding student discipline in our state's public schools. This letter is provided pursuant to the requirement of RCW 34.05.330 that the Board respond to the petition, in writing, within sixty days of receipt.

The State Board of Education denies the petition on the basis that it lacks statutory authority to adopt rules regarding the above referenced statutes. The Legislature has provided that authority to the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Therefore, any requests for rulemaking regarding the referenced statutes should be directed to Superintendent of Public Instruction Randy Dorn.

Please contact the Board's Executive Director, Ben Rarick, if you have questions or wish to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

Kristina Mayer
Chair

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