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Pepper and Darren and Justin,

The State Board is asking for an explanation from the administration of why it opposes the SBE's decision to revise rules for independent school approval.

They have asked for this statement by the next meeting on August 23.

Pepper, I know you have been speaking directly to the Gov. on this. Do you want to draft a statement?

Here is what I understand from my conversation with you and the governor's directions:

- the administration is not to be associated with the rules-- the SBE is on its own if it moves forward
- the administration would like the rules delayed
- the administration is concerned that focusing on these rules will undermine implementation of Act 46.

I tried to give you starter language below:

Draft statement from administration to the SBE on independent school rules:

The State Board of Education is an independent board, tasked in statute with promulgating rules that establish minimum standards for private schools that receive publicly funded students. The State Board has voted to open and revise its current rules for approval of these schools.

The Administration is concerned that opening these rules will place heavy demands on the time and resources of the Board, at a time when the Board would be better served by focusing on implementation of Act 46 and rule making related to implementation of Act 46. The administration does not want the Board distracted from implementation of this critical piece of

legislation. For this reason, the administration does not support rule making related to independent schools at this time.

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