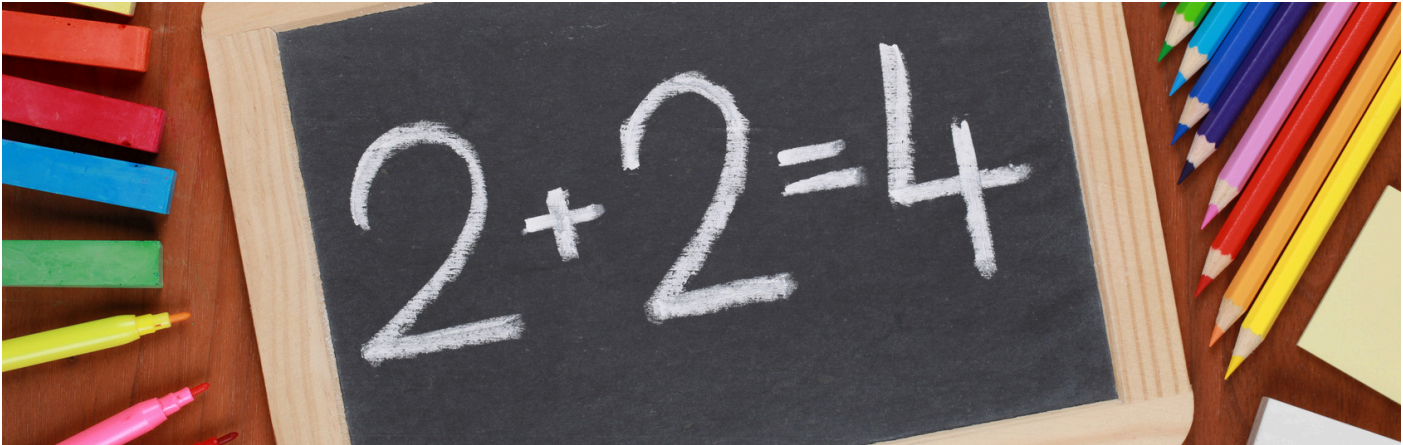




LEGAL UPDATE

For Ohio Community School Boards



SENATE BILL 19

In late June Governor DeWine signed into law Senate Bill 19 a wide-ranging education bill with a heavy focus on math education. The bill requires:

- Schools to provide evidence-based academic intervention services, free of cost, to students who demonstrate a limited level of skill in either a prescribed state diagnostic assessment or a state assessment, in math, English language arts, or both subjects. Services may be provided directly by the school, through a vendor, or both, and must be reported in EMIS.
- DEW to review core math curricula and establish lists of high-quality core math curriculum/instructional materials and evidence-based math intervention programs.
- Schools to develop a math achievement improvement plan if less than 51% of students score proficient or higher on the 3rd grade math assessment.

SB 19 eliminates current law regarding advanced math courses and instead requires schools to:

- Adopt a comprehensive math placement and promotion policy
- Enroll each 6th grade high math achieving student in a math course in 7th grade that combines in a single school year 7th & 8th grade math standards and enroll in Algebra 1 in 8th grade
- Enroll each high math achieving student in grades 3-5 in advanced learning opportunities in mathematics



Senate Bill 19...continued...

- Beginning with the 27-28 school year DEW must randomly select 5% of schools for a review of their academic intervention services.
- Requires DEW to promote innovative programs designed to increase student achievement and engagement, improve student wellness, and prepare students for the workforce and post-secondary education.
- Permits community schools to request approval from DEW to establish an innovative education pilot program, which waives certain requirements and allows a school to implement a new/different educational approach.

Question & Answer:

Q: Isn't there another another education bill affecting community schools?

Yes, House Bill 455 was signed into law on July 10th. The bill creates a new method of determining community school closure. Instead of relying primarily on local report card ratings, DEW will rank community schools using statewide rankings: bottom 5% on Performance Index (PI) and rank in the lowest 10% on a special community school closure value-added progress dimension gain index. HB 455 also requires e-schools to offer virtual state testing in addition to in-person administration. Look for the August Legal Update for more details.



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