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505-2-.154. Superintendent Certificate

Nature of Amendment(s):

____**Substantive**
__√__**Clarification**
____**Further Definition**

Discussion:
It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.154 Superintendent Certificate, dated October 15, 2017, be AMENDED to update Educational Leadership field titles, resulting from the work of the Educational Leadership Task Force.

Current/Amended Sections(s):
(Additions are underlined in bold type; deletions are marked through.)

(1) Purpose. The Superintendent Certificate is designated for leaders who serve as a Superintendent in a Georgia local unit of administration (LUA). The requirements described herein provide the expectations for acquiring and maintaining the Superintendent Certificate. All active Georgia Superintendents must hold a valid Superintendent certificate issued by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC). This certificate will aid in the identification of leaders currently serving in a Superintendent position, while also enforcing state standards for these leaders.

(2) Certificate Requirements.

(a) To be eligible for the professional Superintendent Certificate, the applicant must hold a renewable professional Standard or Performance-Based certificate in Educational Leadership ~~– Tier II~~ and be employed as a Superintendent by a Georgia LUA. (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.153 EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE).

1. Individuals holding a valid Superintendent Permit will not be issued a separate Superintendent Certificate. (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.10 PERMIT).

(b) A Non-Renewable Superintendent certificate may be issued at the request of a Georgia LUA to an individual employed as a Superintendent while holding a Non-Renewable **Professional** Educational Leadership ~~Tier II~~ certificate.

1. To convert the Non-Renewable Superintendent certificate to a professional certificate, the educator must complete all requirements for professional Standard or Performance-Based certification in Educational Leadership ~~– Tier II~~ to include all applicable Special Georgia Requirements (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.24 SPECIAL GEORGIA REQUIREMENTS).

(3) Certificates Not Issued. The following certificates are not issued in the field of Superintendent:

(a) Induction Certificate (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.04 INDUCTION CERTIFICATE);

(b) International Exchange Certificate (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.11 INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE CERTIFICATE);

(c) Adjunct License (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.15 ADJUNCT LICENSE);

(d) Pre-service certificate (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.03 PRE-SERVICE TEACHING CERTIFICATE);

(e) Advanced Professional certificate (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.06 ADVANCED PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE); and

(f) Lead Professional certificate (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.07 LEAD PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE).

(4) To Add the Field. (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.34 ADD A FIELD).

(5) To Upgrade the Level. (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.33 CERTIFICATE UPGRADE).

(6) Renewal Requirements. (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.36 RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS).

(a) To renew ~~and~~ **the** Superintendent Certificate, an applicant must meet the following requirements:

1. Be employed in the position of Superintendent;

2. Have the employing Georgia LUA request the renewal; and

3. Complete renewal requirements outlined in GaPSC Rule 505-2-.36 RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS.

(7) In-Field Statement. (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.40 IN-FIELD ASSIGNMENT). Individuals certified as a Superintendent are in-field to serve as a Superintendent in grades P-12 in a Georgia local unit of administration. This certificate shall not be issued to individuals with alternate titles, such as Associate Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent, Interim Superintendent, etc.

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