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Good morning,

A number of changes have been made to the School Act and four of the School Act Regulations. Many of the changes are in support of the transition of kindergarten into the school system.

Attached you will find an overview and a brief rationale for the changes. You can access the up-dated School Act and Regulations through the link below.

<http://www.gov.pe.ca/law/regulations/bydept.php3?dept=eecd>

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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## **- OVERVIEW -**

### **Recent *School Act* and *School Act* Regulation Changes**

#### **School Act**

Changes to sections 4, 6, 7, 8, 12, 14 and 15.

Changes related to:

- up-dating language/wording
- notification to other jurisdictions when there is concern about a teacher
- ensuring an instructional license does not expire
- implementing kindergarten into the school system
- ensuring teachers and teacher supervisors must hold an instructional license - not just be eligible to hold an instructional license
- clarifying private school can operate a kindergarten program

#### **Students and Parents Regulations**

Changes to sections 1, 2, 3, and 4.

Changes related to:

- adjusting the age of entry and mandatory school age as a result of the kindergarten

#### **Private Schools and Home Education Regulations**

Changes to section 3.

Changes related to:

- ensuring wording is constant with the Act
- referencing the requirements regarding the enrolment of students in a private school and the requirement of a kindergarten program

### **Student Transportation Regulations**

Changes to sections 8, 36 and Schedule B.

Changes related to:

- removing the provision that requires school bus drivers to be under 60 years of age when first hired by a school board
- removing a specific reference and Schedule related to kindergarten students traveling on a school bus, as kindergarten is now a part of the school system

### **Certification and Standards Board Regulations**

Changes to sections 2, 4, through 16, and 19.

Changes related to:

- removal of the “non-teaching” instructional license
- language up-dates
- Minister’s ability to assign a new qualification level on an instructional license
- ensuring instructional licenses are permanent and remain in force unless suspended or revoked
- removal of section no longer needed or covered in other sections of the regulation
- prescribing fees for services and documents