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February 1, 2024

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Cameron Henry, Senate President  
Representative Phillip DeVillier, Speaker of the House  
Senator Rick Edmonds, Chair, Senate Committee on Education  
Representative Laurie Schlegel, Chair, House Committee on Education

FROM: Shan N. Davis, Executive Director  
Board of Elementary and Secondary Education

RE: 2023 Yearly Action Report

Pursuant to R.S. 49:968(K), the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education is submitting the attached 2023 Yearly Action Report regarding adoption, amendment, or repeal of any rule or the adoption, increase, or decrease of any fee during the calendar year 2023 (January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023). Also attached are the summaries regarding petitions for rulemaking reviewed by the Board during the calendar year 2023 (January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023).

Please contact me if I may be of assistance to you concerning these documents.

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Attachments (2)

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# **Attachment 1**

2023 Action Report

| Bulletin and Notice of Intent Title                                                   | Date of Board Action | 1st Report-<br>NOI/Rules submitted to<br>OSR and 4 Legis.<br>Entities | Date Notice of<br>Intent Published                                         | Public Com-<br>ments<br>Received | Request for<br>Public<br>Hearing<br>received | Summary<br>Report (2nd<br>Report) - no<br>hearing or<br>comments | Summary Report<br>(2nd Report) - with<br>hearing or<br>comments | Rule      |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| 111 - August section 405                                                              | 8/24/22              | 10/10/22                                                              | 10/20/22                                                                   | no                               | no                                           | 11/10/22                                                         | NA                                                              | Jan-2023  |
| 111 - August section 301, 307, 601, 709, 3901, 3903, 4001                             | 8/24/22              | 10/10/22                                                              | 10/20/22                                                                   | no                               | no                                           | 11/10/22                                                         | NA                                                              | Jan-2023  |
| 118 - August sections 5107, 5701, 6401, 6403, and 6405                                | 8/24/22              | 10/10/22                                                              | 10/20/22                                                                   | no                               | no                                           | 11/10/22                                                         | NA                                                              | Jan-2023  |
| 137 - August section 1723                                                             | 8/24/22              | 10/10/22                                                              | 10/20/22                                                                   | no                               | no                                           | 11/10/22                                                         | NA                                                              | Jan-2023  |
| 1530 - August section 505                                                             | 8/24/22              | 10/10/22                                                              | 10/20/22                                                                   | no                               | no                                           | 11/10/22                                                         | NA                                                              | Jan-2023  |
| 741 - August sections 333, 337, 1103, and 1104                                        | 8/24/22              | 10/10/22                                                              | 10/20/22                                                                   | no                               | no                                           | 11/10/22                                                         | NA                                                              | Jan-2023  |
| 741NP - August sections 119, 901, and 907                                             | 8/24/22              | 10/10/22                                                              | 10/20/22                                                                   | no                               | no                                           | 11/10/22                                                         | NA                                                              | Jan-2023  |
| 741 - August section 332                                                              | 8/24/22              | 10/10/22                                                              | 10/20/22                                                                   | no                               | no                                           | 11/10/22                                                         | NA                                                              | Jan-2023  |
| 746 - August section 1341                                                             | 8/24/22              | 10/10/22                                                              | 10/20/22                                                                   | no                               | no                                           | 11/10/22                                                         | NA                                                              | Jan-2023  |
| 746 - August sections 303, 507, 511, 513, 515, 527, 531, and 535                      | 8/24/22              | 10/10/22                                                              | 10/20/22                                                                   | no                               | no                                           | 11/10/22                                                         | NA                                                              | Jan-2023  |
| 996 - August sections 743 and 745                                                     | 8/24/22              | 10/10/22                                                              | 10/20/22                                                                   | no                               | no                                           | 11/10/22                                                         | NA                                                              | Jan-2023  |
| 741 - December section 3501                                                           | 12/15/21             | 10/10/22                                                              | 10/20/22                                                                   | no                               | no                                           | 11/10/22                                                         | NA                                                              | Jan-2023  |
| <b>DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY 746 - October section 528 III 996 October section 745</b> | <b>10/12/22</b>      | <b>NA</b>                                                             | <b>OSR posted Emergency Rule 10/14/22;<br/>Eff. 10/12/22 until 4/10/23</b> | <b>NA</b>                        | <b>NA</b>                                    | <b>NA</b>                                                        | <b>NA</b>                                                       | <b>NA</b> |
| 119 - October sections 903, 1701, and 2305                                            | 10/12/22             | 11/10/22                                                              | 11/20/22                                                                   | no                               | no                                           | 12/15/22                                                         | NA                                                              | Feb-2023  |
| 126 - October section 4305                                                            | 10/12/22             | 11/10/22                                                              | 11/20/22                                                                   | no                               | no                                           | 12/15/22                                                         | NA                                                              | Feb-2023  |
| 130 - October section 305                                                             | 10/12/22             | 11/10/22                                                              | 11/20/22                                                                   | no                               | no                                           | 12/15/22                                                         | NA                                                              | Feb-2023  |
| 741 - October sections 325, 337, 517, 901, 915, 1303, 2305, 2307, 2319, 3305, 3503    | 10/12/22             | 11/10/22                                                              | 11/20/22                                                                   | no                               | no                                           | 12/15/22                                                         | NA                                                              | Feb-2023  |
| 741NP - October section 1311                                                          | 10/12/22             | 11/10/22                                                              | 11/20/22                                                                   | no                               | no                                           | 12/15/22                                                         | NA                                                              | Feb-2023  |
| 746 - October section 528                                                             | 10/12/22             | 11/10/22                                                              | 11/20/22                                                                   | no                               | no                                           | 12/15/22                                                         | NA                                                              | Feb-2023  |
| 996 - October section 743                                                             | 10/12/22             | 11/10/22                                                              | 11/20/22                                                                   | no                               | no                                           | 12/15/22                                                         | NA                                                              | Feb-2023  |
| 996 - October section 745                                                             | 10/12/22             | 11/10/22                                                              | 11/20/22                                                                   | no                               | no                                           | 12/15/22                                                         | NA                                                              | Feb-2023  |
| 1566 - October section 700                                                            | 10/12/22             | 11/10/22                                                              | 11/20/22                                                                   | no                               | no                                           | 12/15/22                                                         | NA                                                              | Feb-2023  |
| 1903 - October section 103                                                            | 10/12/22             | 11/10/22                                                              | 11/20/22                                                                   | no                               | no                                           | 12/15/22                                                         | NA                                                              | Feb-2023  |

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| 111 - October section 3503                                                                               | 10/12/22             | 11/10/22                                                              | 11/20/22                                                                   | no                               | no                                           | 12/15/22                                                         | NA                                                              | Feb-2023  |
| 741NP - October section 2120                                                                             | 10/12/22             | 11/10/22                                                              | 11/20/22                                                                   | no                               | no                                           | 12/15/22                                                         | NA                                                              | Feb-2023  |
| 741 - October section 719                                                                                | 10/12/22             | 11/10/22                                                              | 11/20/22                                                                   | no                               | no                                           | 12/15/22                                                         | NA                                                              | Feb-2023  |
| 1566 - October section 705                                                                               | 10/12/22             | 11/10/22                                                              | 11/20/22                                                                   | no                               | no                                           | 12/15/22                                                         | NA                                                              | Feb-2023  |
| LAC 28:1 - October sections 305 and 1103                                                                 | 6/15/22              | 11/10/22                                                              | 11/20/22                                                                   | no                               | no                                           | 12/15/22                                                         | NA                                                              | Feb-2023  |
| 111 - August section 709                                                                                 | 8/24/22              | 11/10/22                                                              | 12/20/22                                                                   | no                               | no                                           | 1/10/23                                                          | NA                                                              | Apr-2023  |
| <b>DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY 130 - December sections 105 and 301</b>                                      | <b>12/20/22</b>      | <b>NA</b>                                                             | <b>OSR posted Emergency Rule 12/20/22;<br/>Eff. 12/20/22 until 6/18/23</b> | <b>NA</b>                        | <b>NA</b>                                    | <b>NA</b>                                                        | <b>NA</b>                                                       | <b>NA</b> |
| 130 - December sections 105 and 301                                                                      | 12/20/22             | 1/10/23                                                               | 1/20/23                                                                    | no                               | no                                           | 2/10/23                                                          | NA                                                              | Apr-2023  |
| 126 - December section 2721                                                                              | 12/20/22             | 1/10/23                                                               | 1/20/23                                                                    | no                               | no                                           | 2/10/23                                                          | NA                                                              | Apr-2023  |
| 741 - December sections 2318, 2319, 2345, and 2353                                                       | 12/20/22             | 1/10/23                                                               | 1/20/23                                                                    | yes                              | no                                           | 2/10/23                                                          | 3/13/23                                                         | Apr-2023  |
| 741 - December sections 905, 3601, 3603, 3605, 3607, and 3703                                            | 12/20/22             | 1/10/23                                                               | 1/20/23                                                                    | no                               | no                                           | 2/10/23                                                          | NA                                                              | Apr-2023  |
| 741NP - December sections 2109, 2111, 2317, and 2323                                                     | 12/20/22             | 1/10/23                                                               | 1/20/23                                                                    | yes                              | no                                           | 2/10/23                                                          | 3/13/23                                                         | Apr-2023  |
| 137 - December sections 1515 and 1725                                                                    | 12/20/22             | 1/10/23                                                               | 2/20/23                                                                    | no                               | no                                           | 3/13/23                                                          | NA                                                              | May-2023  |
| 118 - January section 6803                                                                               | 1/18/23              | 2/10/23                                                               | 2/20/23                                                                    | no                               | no                                           | 3/13/23                                                          | NA                                                              | May-2023  |
| 741 - January section 2318                                                                               | 1/18/23              | 2/10/23                                                               | 2/20/23                                                                    | no                               | no                                           | 3/13/23                                                          | NA                                                              | May-2023  |
| 741NP - January section 2111                                                                             | 1/18/23              | 2/10/23                                                               | 2/20/23                                                                    | no                               | no                                           | 3/13/23                                                          | NA                                                              | May-2023  |
| 746 - January section 715                                                                                | 1/18/23              | 2/10/23                                                               | 2/20/23                                                                    | no                               | no                                           | 3/13/23                                                          | NA                                                              | May-2023  |
| 137 - March sections 103 and 1901                                                                        | 3/8/23               | 4/10/23                                                               | 4/20/23                                                                    | no                               | no                                           | 5/11/23                                                          | NA                                                              | Jul-2023  |
| 139 - March sections 103, 309, 311, and 313                                                              | 3/8/23               | 4/10/23                                                               | 4/20/23                                                                    | no                               | no                                           | 5/11/23                                                          | NA                                                              | Jul-2023  |
| 1508 - March sections 305, 703, and 725                                                                  | 3/8/23               | 4/10/23                                                               | 4/20/23                                                                    | no                               | no                                           | 5/11/23                                                          | NA                                                              | Jul-2023  |
| <b>DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY 741 - April sections 2345 and 2353 // 741NP April sections 2317 and 2323</b> | <b>4/19/23</b>       | <b>NA</b>                                                             | <b>OSR posted Emergency Rule 4/20/23;<br/>Eff. 4/20/23 until 10/17/23</b>  | <b>NA</b>                        | <b>NA</b>                                    | <b>NA</b>                                                        | <b>NA</b>                                                       | <b>NA</b> |
| 741-April sections 2345 and 2353 // 741NP April sections 2317 and 2323                                   | 4/19/23              | 5/10/23                                                               | 5/20/23                                                                    | no                               | no                                           | 6/12/23                                                          | NA                                                              | Aug-2023  |
| 746-April section 553                                                                                    | 4/19/23              | 5/10/23                                                               | 5/20/23                                                                    | no                               | no                                           | 6/12/23                                                          | NA                                                              | Aug-2023  |

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| <b>DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY 746 - June section 1301</b>                                                                                               | 6/14/23              | NA                                                                    | OSR posted Emergency Rule 6/14/23;<br>Eff. 6/14/23 until 12/11/23  | NA                               | NA                                           | NA                                                               | NA                                                              | NA       |
| 746-June section 1301                                                                                                                                 | 6/14/23              | 7/10/23                                                               | 7/20/23                                                            | no                               | no                                           | 8/10/23                                                          | NA                                                              | Oct-2023 |
| 137 -June many sections                                                                                                                               | 6/14/23              | 7/10/23                                                               | 7/20/23                                                            | no                               | no                                           | 8/10/23                                                          | NA                                                              | Oct-2023 |
| 140 -June sections 103, 503, 509, 511, 513, and 519                                                                                                   | 6/14/23              | 7/10/23                                                               | 7/20/23                                                            | no                               | no                                           | 8/10/23                                                          | NA                                                              | Oct-2023 |
| 136-June many sections                                                                                                                                | 6/14/23              | 7/10/23                                                               | 7/20/23                                                            | no                               | no                                           | 8/10/23                                                          | NA                                                              | Oct-2023 |
| 111-June section 405                                                                                                                                  | 6/14/23              | 7/10/23                                                               | 7/20/23                                                            | no                               | no                                           | 8/10/23                                                          | NA                                                              | Oct-2023 |
| 741-June sections 717, 2321, and 2322                                                                                                                 | 6/14/23              | 7/10/23                                                               | 7/20/23                                                            | yes                              | yes                                          | NA                                                               | 10/12/23                                                        | Dec-2023 |
| <b>DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY 746-August many sections // 996-August sections 743 and 745</b>                                                           | 8/23/23              | NA                                                                    | OSR posted Emergency Rule 8/23/23;<br>Eff. 8/23/23 until 2/19/24   | NA                               | NA                                           | NA                                                               | NA                                                              | NA       |
| <b>DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY 741-August section 525</b>                                                                                                | 8/23/23              | NA                                                                    | OSR posted Emergency Rule 8/23/23;<br>Eff. 8/23/23 until 2/19/24   | NA                               | NA                                           | NA                                                               | NA                                                              | NA       |
| 746-August many sections // 996-August sections 743 and 745                                                                                           | 8/23/23              | 10/10/23                                                              | 10/20/23                                                           | no                               | no                                           | 11/10/23                                                         | NA                                                              | Jan-2024 |
| 741-August section 525                                                                                                                                | 8/23/23              | 10/10/23                                                              | 10/20/23                                                           | no                               | no                                           | 11/10/23                                                         | NA                                                              | Jan-2024 |
| 741NP-August sections 107, 125, 1309, 1901 // 741-August many sections // 119-August section 903 // 135-August section 509 // 126-August section 4003 | 8/23/23              | 10/10/23                                                              | 10/20/23                                                           | yes                              | no                                           | 11/10/23                                                         | 12/18/23                                                        | Feb-2024 |
| 118-October section 7311                                                                                                                              | 10/11/23             | 11/10/23                                                              | 11/20/23                                                           | no                               | no                                           | 12/11/23                                                         | NA                                                              | Feb-2024 |
| <b>DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY 741-December sections 717, 2321, and 2322</b>                                                                             |                      | NA                                                                    | OSR posted Emergency Rule 11/29/23;<br>Eff. 11/29/23 until 5/27/24 | NA                               | NA                                           | NA                                                               | NA                                                              | NA       |
| <b>DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY 741-December sections 717, 2321, and 2322 (rescind)</b>                                                                   |                      | NA                                                                    | OSR posted Emergency Rule 12/4/23;<br>Eff. 12/4/23                 | NA                               | NA                                           | NA                                                               | NA                                                              | NA       |
| 741-December sections 2318, 2319, and 2345 // 741NP-December sections 2109 and 2317                                                                   | 12/13/23             | 1/10/24                                                               | 1/20/24                                                            |                                  |                                              | 2/12/24                                                          |                                                                 | Apr-2024 |
| 1573-December sections 305, 501, 505, and 509                                                                                                         | 12/13/23             | 1/10/24                                                               | 1/20/24                                                            |                                  |                                              | 2/12/24                                                          |                                                                 | Apr-2024 |
| 746-December sections 331, 333, and 507                                                                                                               | 12/13/23             | 1/10/24                                                               | 1/20/24                                                            |                                  |                                              | 2/12/24                                                          |                                                                 | Apr-2024 |

# **Attachment 2**



## Petition for Rulemaking

for submission to the  
Louisiana State Board of Elementary  
and Secondary Education (BESE)

For BESE Office Use Only

Date received \_\_\_\_\_

Received by \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date formally presented to BESE \_\_\_\_\_

I, Joelle Flaherty, a citizen of the state of Louisiana, whose signature is appended to this petition, hereby petition the Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE), in accordance with the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953(C) and LAC 28:I.1309, regarding the following: (Use separate form for each bulletin)

Bulletin number: 746

Section number(s): Chapter 13, Subchapter C § 1363

The petition requests that BESE: (Check all that apply)

☐ Adopt new Rule(s)      ☒ Amend current Rule(s)      ☐ Repeal current Rule(s), as follows:

Justification for the requested revision(s): (Summarize content and impact of proposal)

Summary attached  
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Additional pages or a separate attachment are acceptable.

Petitioner's designee: (if applicable)

The petitioner designates \_\_\_\_\_ as the representative of this petition.

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email (optional) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

### Petitioner information:

Name Joelle Flaherty

Mailing Address 4209 North Bolton Avenue, Alexandria LA 71303

Email (optional) louisianamontessori@gmail.com Phone (optional) (318)445-0138

Petitioner's signature Joelle Flaherty Date 4/17/2023

Designee's signature (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

The petition must be submitted via certified mail and addressed to:

Board of Elementary and Secondary Education  
Attn: Shan Davis, Executive Director  
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Louisiana Montessori Association  
4209 North Bolton Avenue  
Alexandria, LA 71303

April 17, 2023

Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education  
1201 North Third Street  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Dear BESE Members,

On February 16, 2023, I attended a Teacher Certification Appeals Council hearing to advocate for two nonpublic Montessori teachers who received Montessori certification from Montessori Live, a teacher training program which is fully accredited by the Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education (MACTE). MACTE is the international standard setting and accrediting body for Montessori educator preparation. MACTE has been recognized by the U.S. Department of Education since 1995.

After considering the appeal, the Teacher Certification Appeals Council did approve Nonpublic Montessori Ancillary Teacher Certification for both appellants. In order to forestall the need for future appeals, the Louisiana Montessori Association would like to work in conjunction with the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Louisiana Department of Education Teacher Certification to gain recognition for MACTE accredited training credentials.

Currently, the Louisiana Montessori Association recognizes the following Montessori training programs:

- a. American Montessori Society;
- b. Association Montessori internationale;
- c. St. Nicholas Training Course of London;
- d. The Montessori World Education Institute;

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- e. Southwestern Montessori Training Institute;
- g. International Montessori Council;
- h. Any other training course approved by the Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education (MACTE).

Bulletin 746 Chapter 13, Subchapter C, §1363 Montessori Teacher Certification states:

A. A credential to teach Montessori at the age levels prescribed by the training institution may be added to a standard teaching certificate for teachers who have completed training from one of the following entities:

1. American Montessori Society;
2. Association Montessori Internationale;
3. St. Nicholas Training Course of London;
4. The Montessori World Education Institute;
5. Montessori Institute of America;
6. Southwestern Montessori Training Institute;
7. International Montessori Council; or
8. any other course jointly approved by BESE and the Louisiana Montessori Association.

The Louisiana Montessori Association would like BESE to consider changing the language in Bulletin 746 Chapter 13, Subchapter C, §1363 to read:

A. A credential to teach Montessori at the age levels prescribed by the training institution may be added to a standard teaching certificate for teachers who have completed training from one of the following entities:

1. American Montessori Society;
2. Association Montessori Internationale;
3. St. Nicholas Training Course of London;
4. The Montessori World Education Institute;
5. Montessori Institute of America;
6. Southwestern Montessori Training Institute;

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7. International Montessori Council; or
8. *any other course approved by the Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education (MACTE).*

Changing the language to allow for recognition of MACTE accredited training programs would give Nonpublic Montessori Schools access to a greater pool of highly qualified teachers to meet the growing teacher shortage.

What are the next steps to move forward with BESE to open a discussion that might facilitate a change?

Sincerely,



Joelle Flaherty

President, Louisiana Montessori Association

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June 5, 2023

Ms. Joelle Flaherty  
4209 North Bolton Avenue  
Alexandria, LA 71303

RE: Petition for Rulemaking

Ms. Flaherty,

The Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) office is in receipt of your Petition for Rulemaking request to amend Bulletin 746, *Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel*: Chapter 13, Subchapter C, §1363. General Competencies.

Unfortunately, Montessori BESE certification training policy is outlined in and taken directly from Louisiana state law, specifically, R.S. 17:3403. Any change in policy would first require a change in the law or a request from the Louisiana Montessori Association to jointly approve a course. Below are the statutory requirements.

17§3403. Minimum requirements for teacher certification; authorization for supplemental compensation

A. Montessori teachers having the requirements set forth below shall be certified by the appropriate Montessori organization as follows:

(1) A "Class A" teacher shall have a certification from either the American Montessori Society, the Association Montessori Internationale, the St. Nicholas Training Course of London, or the Montessori World Education Institute, or any other Montessori training course jointly approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Louisiana Montessori Association, plus a baccalaureate degree and at least one year of teaching experience in a Montessori school.

(2) A "Class B" teacher shall have a certification from either the American Montessori Society, the Association Montessori Internationale, the St. Nicholas Training Course of London, or the Montessori World Education Institute, or any other Montessori training course jointly approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Louisiana

Montessori Association, plus at least one year of teaching experience in a Montessori school.

(3) A "Class C" teacher shall have a certification from either the American Montessori Society, the Association Montessori Internationale, the St. Nicholas Training Course of London, or the Montessori World Education Institute, or any other Montessori course jointly approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Louisiana Montessori Association.

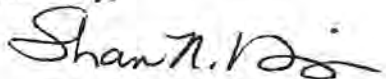
B. A teacher who teaches a junior class shall have Montessori certification for the age levels which he teaches and a baccalaureate degree.

C. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any person teaching in a Montessori school who receives a salary paid by the government of France may receive additional compensation paid by the employing school out of funds available to the school for such purpose whether such funds are part of its normal operating budget or are provided by its parent organization or any local, state, or federal educational organization or foundation. The school may compensate the person up to the amount of the difference in salary paid such person by the government of France and the average salary of a teacher in a public school in Louisiana with comparable qualifications and experience.

Added by Acts 1976, No. 290, §1. Amended by Acts 1982, No. 400, §1, eff. July 20, 1982; Acts 2000, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 56, §1, eff. April 17, 2000.

Because statute supersedes BESE policy, BESE cannot amend policy, as it relates to your concern, and your request has been denied. If you have any further questions, please contact the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) certification team at [certification@la.gov](mailto:certification@la.gov). You may also want to contact the Louisiana Montessori Association to possibly seek joint approval, per the aforementioned statute.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shan N. Davis".

Shan N. Davis  
Executive Director



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Jenifer Amedee

a citizen of the state of Louisiana, whose signature is appended to this petition, hereby petition the Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BSE), in accordance with the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953(C) and LAC 38:1.1(D), regarding the following: (Use separate form for each bulletin)

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The petition requests that BSE: (Check all that apply)

☐ Adopt new Rule(s)

☐ Amend current Rule(s)

☐ Repeal current Rule(s), as follows:

Amendment for the requested revision(s): (Summarize content and impact of proposal)

Anti-bullying by certified professionals  
needs to be required monthly (at least)  
classes/lectures are essential to kids  
that are afraid to speak out

Additional pages or separate attachments are acceptable

Petitioner's designee, if applicable:

The petitioner designates \_\_\_\_\_ as the representative of this petition.

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

### Petitioner Information

Name Jenifer Amedee

Mailing Address 121 Hanging Moss Dr. Benton, LA

Email (optional) jenamedee@att.net Phone (optional) 504-920-1030

Petitioner's signature Jenifer Amedee

Date 2-25-23

Designee's signature (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Ms. Jenifer Amedee  
121 Hanging Moss Drive  
Benton, LA 71006

RE: Petition for Rulemaking

Ms. Amedee,

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I, Alarra Flanagan, a citizen of the state of Louisiana, whose signature is appended to this petition, hereby petition the Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE), in accordance with the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953(C) and LAC 28:1.1309, regarding the following: (Use separate form for each bulletin)

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children need to be held accountable for their behavior. I have a five year old and already fear for her middle school through high school years due to the amount of bullying cases I've seen and learning that it has been ignored and not taken as serious as it should.

\*Change is vital for our children!\*

Additional pages or a separate attachment are acceptable

Petitioner's designee: (if applicable)

The petitioner designates Sandy Templeton, Brandy Creach as the representative of this petition

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email (optional) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Petitioner Information:

Name Alarra Flanagan

Mailing Address 222 Danielle Drive Benton, LA 71006

Email (optional) AKgarter@gmail.com Phone (optional) 318 505 7051

Petitioner's signature Alarra Flanagan Date 2/1/23

Designee's signature (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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222 Danielle Drive  
Benton, LA 71006

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Sincerely,

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I, Michele Miller

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Justification for the requested revision(s): (Summarize content and impact of proposal)

I propose that there should be stricter  
punishment for bullying at Benton  
Schools. School is for learning. It's mandatory  
that the children attend, but there is  
no one to protect them in the schools. Giving  
children boundaries will only help all of them in  
the future.

Petitioner's designee: (if applicable)

The petitioner designates Sandy Templeton as the representative of this petition.

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email (optional) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Petitioner information:

Name Michele MillerMailing Address 103 N. Magnolia St Plain Dealing LA 71064Email (optional) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (optional) 214-673-8500Petitioner's signature [Signature] Date 2/6/23

Designee's signature (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Ms. Michele Miller  
103 N. Magnolia Street  
Plain Dealing, LA 71064

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When children report bullying it falls on deaf ears. Nothing is done to protect them. They single out the child being bullied. Not following protocol at all. Several children have taken their life because no one at the school protects them. We have got to quit ignoring cries for help.

Petitioner's designee: (if applicable)

The petitioner designates \_\_\_\_\_ as the representative of this petition.

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email (optional) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Petitioner Information:

Name Catherine Sepulvado

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Email (optional) cg Sepulvado@gmail.com Phone (optional) 318-822-0526

Petitioner's signature Catherine Sepulvado Date 2-7-23

Designee's signature (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

The petition must be submitted via certified mail and addressed to:

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Ms. Catherine Sepulvado  
3731 Sabine Pass Drive  
Bossier, LA 71111

RE: Petition for Rulemaking

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Sandra Templeton

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Justification for the requested revision(s): (Summarize content and impact of proposal)

I lost my 14 yr. old grandson on Aug. 27, 22 due to extreme bullying from students AND teachers!! There have been 10+ suicides due to bullying in Bossier Parish in the last 7 years! The School Board, principals + some staff sweep it under a rug and we as parents + grandparents are sick of it! WE DEMAND CHANGE! Send the bullies to an alternative school and quit suspending the kids getting bullied!

Additional pages or a separate attachment are acceptable

Petitioner's designee: (if applicable)

The petitioner designates \_\_\_\_\_ as the representative of this petition.

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Petitioner information:

Name SANDRA THARP Templeton

Mailing Address 242 Danielle Dr. Benton, La. 71006

Email (optional) setempleton@me.com Phone (optional) 318-423-1324

Petitioner's signature Sandra Templeton Date \_\_\_\_\_

Designee's signature (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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RE: LEVI GAIGE CREECH

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Mr. Davis,

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I am writing and pleading for your attention in regards to the constant bullying that is still happening in Benton Middle School, Benton High School and also all over Louisiana and other states and it is time for a change and past time for so called NO TOLERANCE POLICIES to be upheld and used like they should have been from the very beginning of being implemented!

Levi Creech is my grandson; he was just 14 years old. He was bullied during middle school and it followed him into his freshmen year of high school where he only made a couple of weeks due to the extreme bullying which started back up! Teachers, students and so many children witnessed his bullying and the school system did nothing to help him, they would suspend him from school or he would be the one to get the punishment while the bullies still attended school and the school functions like they had done nothing wrong!

Levi was not the only child to commit suicide due to the bullying problems in Bossier Parish, in fact...there is a total of 10 just in the last 8-10 years and 1 suicide is too many! CHANGES must be made and followed!

This is the worst thing that any parent, grandparent or family should ever have to endure! Our life as we knew it will NEVER be the same. We lost him and we will never get him back! He will never have another birthday party, never get a drivers license, never go to Prom, never graduate, never get a job, never have a family and the Nevers are just gone. He was such a loving, giving child, he had a huge family, everyone loved him, he loved to be the life of the party, and always was! Now, we are left with total heartbreak that will NEVER heal and life as we knew it is gone forever! I pray that no other family has to go through this again and that it why I am begging for tougher consequences for the bullies! In the past, there has been no punishment, it's swept under a rug, forgotten about, and not documented so the schools don't lose their "image"; which costs them in the end when schools strive to get funding.

The community was outraged with Levi's death and all he endured during his school days. They all came together and want tougher, stricter rules! Many Business Owners joined together to sponsor Billboards across the Parish and City to spread bullying awareness. Local TV News did several stories concerning the bullying and we've even had our first bullying seminar hosted by 2 local business owners that was a huge success. This shows us that there is a need for more awareness throughout the entire school system in Louisiana.

In January of this year, a 16 year old female student hung herself due to being bullied. She attended a Shreveport school! Her mother is in the exact same shape as the rest of us are! We are tired of losing our kids because there is no protection for them...NOTHING!!

I have attached several comments that were posted online after Levi's tragic death on August 27, 2022 and printed them out for you to read and see what a lot of parents have to say about the school and its employees and administration. I have blackened the names for their privacy, although most of them would probably say it in person. I also attached a copy of one of the hundreds of yard signs that people requested for their yards to spread awareness.

Please look at my baby's picture; See what a beautiful boy he was, see how we can now be so broken, see how our lives have been shattered. All because of something that should have been handled and dealt with before it got to the point that Levi felt there was no getting away from the bullying and took his own life.

I feel like if changes were harsher then parents would step up and talk to their kids, especially if rules were followed and enforced.

- 1<sup>st</sup> offense should be a verbal/written warning, signed by school officials, the parents, and the child. It should be kept in the child's file for the remainder of their school terms.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> offense, the bully's parents should be fined no less than \$250.00 and IF there is another offense, the fine would be \$500, and the child expelled from school! PERIOD! NO EXCEPTIONS! I THINK THIS WOULD CUT OUT A LOT OF UNNECESSARY BULLYING and make kids think before they strike!

I have 6 more grandkids in that same district, and I don't want to lose another one!!!!!!

I could go on and on but I feel you get my hurt and anger concerning these ongoing problems. I will be glad to discuss anything with you and would be willing to do what I can to save any other child and family from going through the hell we live through on a daily basis.

Sincerely,



Sandy Templeton  
Levi Creech's Granny  
Levi's Army Against Bullying  
3425 Miller County 3  
Doddridge, Arkansas 71834  
(318) 423-1324  
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# LEVI'S ARMY

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Turner's billboard sponsored by various  
business owners went up around the city and parish  
to spread bullying awareness!

**Benton LA Town Happenings**

Hillary Nutt · 1d ·

**[REDACTED]** you should meet the parents, then you'll know where they get it from.

22h Like Reply

1

**Lynda** **[REDACTED]**

They are great about threatening their students about ruining their chances on going any good universities. Yes, it came from Benton High School administration towards a student, after she complained (and her parent showed up to ask why her daughter was humiliated like that) about a male teacher telling her in front of the whole class to pee in her pants, after she asked to go to the bathroom and he refused to let her go.

22h Sad Reply

1



Write a reply...

**Tammie** **[REDACTED]**

I literally don't understand this at all. The one time they thought my daughter might have been bullied, the assistant principal, Ms. Clark was very proactive and contacted me to make sure my daughter was fine and

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<  **Levi's Army Against Bullying** ...  
Admin **Sandy Templeton** · 6d · 

 **Erin [REDACTED]** 🙌  
There are many layers to this issue. School administrators are reluctant to use the term "bullying." Discipline records negatively impact school scores. This has made it challenging for teachers to manage behavior & get support. Another issue is that every school needs at least 1 full-time psychologist whose ONLY job is to support mental health of students. Beyond the schools, our society has become one that glorifies bullying. It disgusts me when people take unauthorized pics or videos of people & share them to shame & humiliate. I think about this a lot, so I have many thoughts. As an educator, I do my best every day to model & nurture respect & kindness & to raise a nice boy.

3d Like Reply

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 **Sarah [REDACTED]**  
~~[REDACTED]~~ your son is amazing.

3d Like Reply

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 **Sandy [REDACTED]**  
Author Admin  
~~[REDACTED]~~ - you are totally right! Thank you for being a caring educator!! ❤️

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Hillary Nutt · 21h ·

**Amanda**

Well my nephew took his life at the middle school for this and another child did last fall So I tend to lean on they do nothing to stop it

In fact a teacher at the bms

Posted on her fb page those kids bullying my nephew were great kids

I would never send a kid to that school!

Just my opinion

But I wouldn't want another family to go through it .

20h Care Reply

6

**Bobby**

Put the complaint in an email with details; dates, times, etc and send to the Assistant Principal, Principal, and the Superintendent. Create a paper trail to document their inaction.

20h Like Reply

3

**Kim**

Yep! 100% a joke of a school! Then they get arrested and kicked out when they finally have enough and handle the situation

themselves 🙄😏. Recently some stuff was reported and they told my kids, "this is 5yr old behavior, go back to class". Several females were saying they were going to jump them in the parking lot and that's the

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Cheryl [redacted]

Jan 22 ·

**Bullying**

This is for any and all parents who may be dealing with the ongoing issue of bullying in our schools!!! We have had to make a serious decision to take our granddaughter out! We will NOT allow another student/ students subject her to anymore !!!! It is absolutely unfair that it has come to this only because the school will NOT take action against students who habitually bully! There is NO such thing as a 'No tolerance bully policy' or let's just say it is NOT being enforced at all! Students who do the right thing and go to administration are NOT helped at all! We all know what happened to Levi Creech and I will be damned if another student feels that is their only option! Please contact Brandi Creech or myself and let's band together and 'Stand Together' and put a stop to this senseless behavior!!!!



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Cyndee [redacted]

Maybe be good idea to make those bully kids names be made public. Shame them.

1w

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## Benton LA Town Happenings



Cheryl [redacted] 1d ·



Lynda [redacted]

Students are bullied by staff also. How can they even begin to pretend to be against bullying when they're doing the bullying also?

And yes, it's the high school I'm talking about.

1d Like Reply

9



Daryl N Amber Boothe

Lynda [redacted]

Administration is absolutely horrible at the High School! Glad I finally have no kids tied to Benton Schools!

1d Like Reply

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Hayley [redacted]

I went virtual freshman year because of it. you can do it through the school.

1d Like Reply



Cheryl [redacted] Author

Hayley [redacted] they don't do Virtual through the school

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this kinda stuff my sons friend is proof.

6h Sad Reply

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**Sylvia** 

My children are older but were bullied at benton middle, admin did nothing, the school board did nothing. I ended up pulling my children. Do some research. Get in touch w Minnie , she lost her son to bullying at the same school. They even went to the state about it, because bossier parish has the highest suicide rate in the state, due to school bullying. Fyi: they didn't want to hear about it, there is even a video for evidence to prove they didnt want to hear about it

5h Angry Reply

13   



**April** 

Praying that people reach out 🙏 this needs to stop!!! This school has been allowing this to happen for way to long!!!

5h Love Reply

8  



**Rachel** 

May God be in this! Praying for you all

5h Love Reply

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**Jason Weather post**



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**Manda**

Bossier Schools failed my kids as well. My oldest son was bullied continuously from kindergarten through 5th. The school kept punishing my child. So what if the bully left visible marks on my child. So what if I had to leave work TWICE to take my son to quick care to get stitches (liquid but still stitches) because somebody hit my child or cut him with scissors in CLASS. My child was asked to leave the Robitics team because he was bullied. My son was so excited about Robotics. The bully was not only allowed to REMAIN on the cheerleading team but he was also awarded a TERRIFIC KID award for "good citizenship toward his classmates, teachers, and other school staff". This was 3 weeks after the bully put my son in a headlock and it took 3 teachers and the guidance counselor to pull him off my kid. Why? Because some other kids were playing and pushed my son into the bully. I am an Autistic parent and I don't have the support or communication to help fight for him with the schools. The principal labeled me the problem. How so when I wasn't the bully? Numerous calls to the



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**Jacob Heather's Post**



**Megan**

If this is the same Rowland that was a teacher and then principal of Airline then this behavior isnt anything new from him! I went to AHS when he was a teacher and him and the SRO officer would harrasse and tackle students for no good reason! And he's been in trouble with the state school board before a few years ago. That man is a menace to anyone that doesnt fit into his cookie cutter Christian views! I hope you find justice for your baby!

1d Like Reply

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**Jacob**

Megan Wow! Yes, thats the one. Im sorry but the "christian" label he hides behind is comical. His actions have been anything but. 100% abuse of power & anyone who supports his behavior.

1d Like Reply



**Keisha**

I was at AHS when he was there & COULD NOT stand him. He's a bully his damn self.



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**Holly [redacted]**

Jason Rowland is a bully himself! After my son was beaten at platt, he blamed my son for being a victim. He refused to let me speak out on bullying at the school board meeting. Bossier parish school board need to be completely fired and have REAL parents on the board to help solve the issues in our parish! This is why I'm suing! To change these policies and force these good ole boys out and bring some real changes to bossier schools!

1d Like Reply

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**Jacob [redacted]**

Holly [redacted] you are most definitely not alone in this. There are so many that unfortunately received the same response, or lack thereof, from the Bossier School Board. We will only get louder.

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**Benton LA Town Happenings**

James · 1h ·

lost her son to bullying about 4 years ago.  
Guess what school he went to?

50m Like Reply

3



Karon

Did you see when it said instead of dealing with the boys who were bullying, they just put Levi in a room by himself? That seems to be the wrong way to deal with bullies. They should be removed, not the one being bullied.

48m Like Reply

12



Sheila

Karon agree

33m Like Reply

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Melinda

Karon YES! That bothered me so much. My daughter was in a class with Levi when he asked if he could "just go see the nurse".

*\* They refused to let him go see the nurse or Mary @ccasions!!*

22m Like Reply

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Tanya

Karon Amen!!



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**Shaunta [redacted]**

This hits home because this could have been me. God knows I thought about how I could disappear when I was bullied right there at Benton High School.

I was told by one administration member that "perhaps I was doing something to cause all of it".

When a child tells you that someone is bothering them **HELP** them and if the offender continues to inflict harm on them **DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT**. Bullying is not kids play, everyone isn't jealous! They are bullies and they intend to hurt you or make you hurt yourself!

Ha, I randomly see my bullies here and there. Some have even sent me friend requests (ah no). I wonder if they have forgotten how they treated me? Then I wonder if they are parents, wha... See more

1w Like Reply

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**Shonta [redacted]**

Shaunta [redacted] they missed out because you are an amazing human!

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July 6, 2023

Ms. Sandra Templeton  
242 Danielle Drive  
Benton, LA 71006

RE: Petition for Rulemaking

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Date received \_\_\_\_\_  
Received by \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Date formally presented to BESE \_\_\_\_\_

Cheryl Thomas a citizen of the state of Louisiana, whose signature is appended to this petition, hereby petition the Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE), in accordance with the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953(C) and LAC 28:1309, regarding the following: (Use separate form for each bulletin)

Bulletin number: \_\_\_\_\_

Section number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

The petition requests that BESE: (Check all that apply)

☐ Adopt new Rule(s) ☒ Amend current Rule(s) ☐ Repeal current Rule(s), as follows:

Justification for the requested revision(s): (Summarize content and impact of proposal)

As a parent in Bossier Parish School with 2 kids in Benton district the rules for how to handle bullying situations need to be made stiffer punishment. My Ella had to be removed from BHS because the administration swept it under the rug and did NOTHING! She was told "I'm gonna get a Glock and shoot you in the head!!" **NOTOK!**

Additional pages or a separate attachment are acceptable

Petitioner's designee: (if applicable)

The petitioner designates \_\_\_\_\_ as the representative of this petition

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Petitioner information:

Name Cheryl Thomas

Mailing Address 8121 Lala Circle Benton, La. 71006

Email (optional) Catman628@yahoo.com Phone (optional) 318-272-1922

Petitioner's signature Cheryl Thomas Date 2/2/23

Designee's signature (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

The petition must be submitted via certified mail and addressed to

Board of Elementary and Secondary Education  
Attn: Shan Davis, Executive Director  
P.O. Box 94064, Capitol Station  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9064

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Bullying has been going on for years in Bossier parish. When I went to Cape middle school I was bullied for two years. This problem has continued to happen year after year. devi was so sweet and loved by Gormany, my daughter and son lost a friend because Bossier Parish School Board will not do anything about this issue. we need it to stop. Please help us. Help our children. This can not continue.

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Petitioner's designee: (if applicable)

The petitioner designates \_\_\_\_\_ as the representative of this petition

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Email (optional) Amelia Yarnell537@yahoo.com Phone (optional) 318-588-1158

Petitioner's signature Amelia Yarnell

Date 2-8-23

Designee's signature (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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