



Early Learning Council

August 13, 2020

2:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Early Learning Division
3rd Floor, Grand Ronde Room
700 Summer St NE, Suite 350
Salem, OR 97301

COUNCIL ACTION REQUEST

Revised August 13, 2020

AGENDA ITEM: Adoption of draft appeal language for the Early Learning Division to incorporate into rule.

ACTION: Adopt following language for insertion into Administrative Rule and into the Early Learning Division Grant Application Review Process manual.

ISSUE: The Secretary of State is currently engaged with the Early Learning Division to perform a real-time audit of the ELD's implementation of the Student Success Act. The current language in the ELD's Administrative Rules and Grant Review Process document does not include parameters for when an applicant can appeal.

BACKGROUND:

Current appeal language: An applicant not receiving funding may appeal for review to the Early Learning Council. An appeal must be received by the Council in writing within 15 days of the notice of non-funding. Appeals must be sent to 700 Summer Street NE, Salem OR 97301.

Proposed appeal language: Applicants may appeal a decision regarding non-funding or funding amount if the appeal is based on a procedural error by the Early Learning Division in its review of the application in accordance with the criteria described in the Request for Application. Appeals may not be made on the basis of an applicant's disagreement with an assessment of how the application met the review criteria or the judgment of a review panel. The appeals must be received by the Council in writing within 15 days of the notice of non-funding. Appeals must be sent to 700 Summer Street NE, Salem OR 97301.

PROPOSED COUNCIL ACTION: Direct the ELD to incorporate proposed appeal language across relevant Administrative Rule Sets, and initiate rulemaking process to include opportunity for future public input and Council action.

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Attachments:

- I. Secretary of State Real-Time Audit on Student Success Act: Early Learning Division Staff Report to Early Learning Council