



Richard Woods, Georgia's School Superintendent

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Hello all,

The purpose of this announcement is to inform the community that the Georgia Department of Education will be hosting four public hearings to solicit comments on the proposed repeal and initiation of State Board of Education Rule **160-4-7-.15 GEORGIA NETWORK FOR EDUCATIONAL AND THERAPEUTIC SUPPORT (GNETS)**. A copy of the existing rule can be found at [Existing GNETS Rule 160-4-7-.15](#). The GNETS rule public hearing will be held in the following locations:

Gwinnett County Buford City, GA	Laurens County Dublin, GA	Thomas County Thomasville, GA	Fulton County Atlanta, GA State Board Meeting
Date: April 12, 2017 Time: 3pm – 6pm Place: Buford Middle School Auditorium 2700 Robert Bell Parkway Buford, GA 30518	Date: April 13, 2017 Time: 3pm – 6pm Place: Dublin High School Auditorium 1127 Hillcrest Pkwy Dublin, GA 31021	Date: April 19, 2017 Time: 3pm – 6pm Place: Thomas County School Professional Learning Center 200 North Pinetree Blvd. Thomasville, GA 31792	Date: June 15, 2017 Time: 9:30am Place: State Board of Education Room 2070 Twin Towers East Atlanta, GA 30334

Any person interested in providing comments may do so either in person or by email. The following protocol will govern the public hearings:

- If you want to provide comments in person, you must only provide comment relative to the GNETS rule and limit your comments to no longer than 3 minutes in order to allow time for each person to fully express their comments. Although not required, we suggest you prepare written comments and use the written comments to ensure your complete message is heard. A timekeeper will ensure everyone has the full 3 minutes to speak.
- You may also submit your written comments by leaving a paper copy at the registration desk.
- While any individual may attend any or all of the public hearings, you must decide which hearing you would want to share your comments in person. Allowing individuals to speak at only one public hearing gives everyone an opportunity to have their voice heard.

All documents relative to the GNETS Rule public hearing can be downloaded at [GNETS RULE DOCUMENTS](#)

If you prefer to provide written comments, you may do so by emailing your comments to GNETrule@doe.k12.ga.us. Your written comments must be received no later than April 14, 2017.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Julie James, paralegal at jjames@doe.k12.ga.us