

Educators seek public opinion

Six public hearings will be held during September and October on proposed changes in the Michigan Teacher Certification Code.

Locally, a hearing is set for 2-5 p.m. and 7-8:30 p.m. Oct. 2 in the Discussion Room, Wayne County Intermediate School District, 33500 Van Born, Wayne.

Other public meetings are scheduled for Grand Rapids, Lansing, Traverse City, Mt. Clemens and Marquette.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Phillip E. Runkel said testimony at

the hearings will be summarized and presented to the State Board before it takes action on the proposed rule changes.

Revisions have been proposed by the Certification Code Study Commission named by the state Board of Education last year to make recommendations on a broad range of issues concerning teacher preparation and certification.

The proposed changes would:

- Establish a third level of certification, which would be required of teachers providing instruction at the middle grade

level. Presently, Michigan has two levels of certification — elementary and secondary.

- The elementary level certificate would be valid for grades K-4, the middle level certificate would be valid for grades 5-8, and the high school level certificate would be valid for grades 9-12.

- Require that all teachers seeking certification be required to take a three-hour course in the education of exceptional children.

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For a complete listing of short courses and/or registration information contact the Community Services Office at Highland Lakes, 440-2941; Orchard Ridge, 471-7125; and Southland, 247-5757.

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