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**Statement Regarding  
Lame Duck Legislative Session**

Given the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic that continue to alter the ways in which local school districts educate children, the state legislature needs to adjust a number of state laws. During this pandemic and through June 30, 2021, local school districts need flexibility in areas such as educator evaluations, the supply of regular and substitute teachers, student and teacher data reporting, and continuing to allow for virtual open meetings of public government bodies.

The State Board of Education urges action on these critical issues, preferably during the remainder of the current legislative session if conditions allow. To the extent that this is not possible, then we request that the balance of the issues be resolved in the first three months of the new legislative session in 2021.

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