Department of Education
Carmen Fariña, Chancellor

Amended Public Comment Analysis

Date: October 29, 2014

Topic: Proposed Amendments to Chancellor's Regulation A-420

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Summary of Proposed Amendments to Chancellor's Regulation A-420

Chancellor's Regulation A-420 defines and prohibits the use of corporal punishment upon a student. The Regulation is being amended to clarify when student witness statements may be released to the accused employee and his/her union representative, and the time frame for completing School-based Investigations.

Summaries of Issues Raised in Written and Oral Comments and Significant Alternatives Suggested

A commenter asked whether the attachments to the Regulation remain. The commenter also asked whether parents are notified to come to school when their children are interviewed as part of a verbal abuse/corporal punishment investigation.

Analysis of Issues Raised, Significant Alternatives Proposed, and Changes Made to the Proposal

The attachments to the Regulation are unchanged and remain part of the Regulation. In a verbal abuse/corporal punishment investigation, student witnesses may be interviewed by the school principal or by the Office of Special Investigations. A staff member from the school is always present during student interviews. Parents are not required to be present when interviews take place.

The comments received do not relate to the proposed amendments to the Regulation that are before the Panel. Accordingly, the Chancellor will present the proposed amendments to the Regulation to the Panel for Educational Policy as posted.

Information Regarding Where the Full Text of the Proposed Item May Be Obtained

The full text of the amendments to the Regulation, and the Regulation in its entirety, can be found on the main page of the website of the Panel for Educational Policy: http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2014-2015/October2014Regulations