

OFFICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION**NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

The Acting State Superintendent of Education, pursuant to the authority set forth in Section 3(b) (11) of the District of Columbia State Education Office Establishment Act of 2000, effective October 21, 2000 (D.C. Law 13-176; D.C. Official Code §§38-2602 (b) (11) (2008 Supp.)), hereby gives notice of the intent to amend Title 5, Chapter 22, of the *District of Columbia Municipal Regulations* (DCMR), entitled “Grades, Promotion, and Graduation” as provided herein, in not less than thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice in the *D.C. Register*.

The purpose of the proposal is to revise Title 5, Section 2203 of the DCMR entitled “Graduation: Academic Requirements.” The proposed regulation makes biology a required lab science for graduation, for students beginning 9th grade in school year 2009-2010. The proposal does not affect any other graduation requirements currently in place and applicable to students in the District of Columbia Public Schools and public charter schools in the District of Columbia.

Title 5 DCMR, Chapter 22, Section 2203 is amended to add a new paragraph (d) to subsection 2203.1 to read as follows:

- (d) For all students entering the 9th grade beginning school year 2009-2010, one of the three lab science units, required by paragraph (a) of this subsection, shall be a course in Biology.

Persons wishing to comment on these proposed rules should submit their comments in writing to the Office of State Superintendent of Education, 441 4th Street, NW, Room 350N, Washington, D.C. 20001, Attn: Alex Harris. All comments must be received by the Office of the State Superintendent of Education not later than thirty (30) days after publication of this notice in the *DC Register*. The proposed rulemaking amendment and related information may also be obtained on the Office of the State Superintendent website at osse.dc.gov; or by contacting the Office of the State Superintendent of Education in writing or calling (202) 727-6436.