

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**Office of the City Administrator**

Rashad M. Young  
City Administrator



**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S ORDER**  
**2020-4**

**DATE:** April 13, 2020


**SUBJECT:** Delegation of Authority to the State Superintendent of Education—Extension of Teaching and Administrative Services Credentials, Payment Period for Non-Public School Tuition and Special Education Related Services, and District of Columbia Tuition Assistance Grant Application Deadline

By virtue of the authority vested in me as City Administrator by section 422(7) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 790; D.C. Official Code § 1-204.22(7)), and pursuant to section 310 of the COVID-19 Response Emergency Amendment Act of 2020, effective March 17, 2020 (D.C. Act 23-247), Mayor's Order 2020-052, issued March 23, 2020, and Mayor's Order 2015-036, issued January 9, 2015, it is hereby **ORDERED** that:

1. For the purposes of this Order, the phrase "COVID-19 Emergency Period" means the period of time during which the public health emergency declared by the Mayor in Mayor's Order 2020-046, issued March 11, 2020, and any extension thereof, is in effect and the forty-five (45) day period thereafter.
2. During the COVID-19 Emergency Period, the State Superintendent of Education may:
  - a. Prospectively or retroactively extend the validity of an OSSE-issued teacher or administrative services (principal or assistant principal) credential that, pursuant to 5-A DCMR §§ 1601, 1602, or 1603, would otherwise expire during the COVID-19 Emergency Period; provided, that the validity of an OSSE-issued credential shall not be extended pursuant to this paragraph to a date that is later than forty-five (45) days after the end of the COVID-19 Emergency Period.
  - b. In its discretion, and upon a written request by a local education agency ("LEA") in which a student attending a nonpublic special education school or program is enrolled, extend the period of time during which payments for tuition and/or special education related services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1400 et seq., shall continue during a student's absence or unavailability pursuant to 5-A DCMR § 2821.15; provided, that the deadline shall not be extended pursuant to this paragraph to a date that is later than the end of the COVID-19 Emergency Period. The written request of an LEA shall include such information as the Office of the State Superintendent of Education, in its

discretion, may require pursuant to administrative guidance issued in furtherance of this order.

- c. In its discretion, extend or waive, through administrative guidance, the deadline by which an applicant must file an application for tuition assistance under the District of Columbia Tuition Assistance Grant Program pursuant to 29 DCMR § 7000.4; provided, that the deadline shall not be extended pursuant to this paragraph to a date that is later than the end of the COVID-19 Emergency Period.
3. This Order shall become effective immediately.

  
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**RASHAD M. YOUNG**  
**CITY ADMINISTRATOR**