

# EDUCATION STAKEHOLDERS, STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSS FUTURE PRINCIPAL LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS

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As a result, the Professional Educator Preparation and Standards Committee (PEPSC) has sought feedback from various education stakeholders, including the Teacher Recruitment & Retention Task Force, the Principal Advisory Group, and the NC Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (NCACTE), on recommendations for legislative changes to the principal licensure process. PEPSC also created a temporary [Principal Licensure Subcommittee](#), which met earlier this week, to synthesize these recommendations.

While all groups recommended against requiring a principal licensure exam, stakeholder recommendations varied in regard to the requirements for participation in

a yearlong internship and minimum number of years of teaching experience, as well as for the requirement for applicants to hold a Masters of School Administration degree. Specific recommendations from each stakeholder group can be found [here](#). The Principal Licensure Subcommittee is expected to reconvene to develop a formal recommendation, to be presented to the full PEPSC membership on February 10 for additional discussion and action. After receiving action from PEPSC, the recommendation will then be presented to the SBE in March for final discussion and approval before sharing with lawmakers.