

Administrative Memo

Date: March 9, 2021
To: School Administrators
From: Dr. Paul Katnik, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Educator Quality
Subject: EQ-21-002 – Alternative Substitute Teacher Certification Survey

In order to help alleviate the potential shortage of substitute teachers during the COVID-19 pandemic, the State Board of Education (Board) approved publication of a temporary amendment to the Substitute Teacher Certificate (5 CSR 20-400.220) allowing for 20 hours of online training as an alternate route to earning a substitute teacher certificate. In November 2020, the Board voted to withdraw the proposal to make this amendment permanent until the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education could gather data regarding on the impact of the online training as an alternative to the required 60 semester hours of credit for substitute certification.

The Office of Educator Quality is requesting your assistance in collecting these data. If you have hired substitute teachers who were issued their certificate based on their participation in the 20 hours of online training, you are asked to complete this brief [survey](#) by March 15, 2021. Your participation will be greatly appreciated as our agency works to learn more about the performance of these substitute teachers.

For questions, please contact Stephanie Berndt, Executive Assistant, at stephanie.berndt@dese.mo.gov.