

TO: Superintendents/Chief Education Officers/Executive Directors

Local Education Agencies (LEAs)

FROM: Amy Lena, Division Chief of Planning and Professional Development

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RE: One-year Extension of Continuing Professional Education Requirements

Enacted July 8, Act 55 of 2022 provides professional educators, school administrators, and paraprofessionals one additional year to complete their continuing professional education requirements. Please share the following information with staff.

Professional educators and school administrators with an active certification and current compliance period as of July 8, 2022, now have until July 8, 2023, to complete the requirements under 24 P.S. §12-1205.2 and 1205.5, respectively. These requirements are commonly referred to as Act 48 and Act 45 continuing professional education.

Paraprofessionals employed by a school entity as of March 13, 2020, have until June 30, 2023, to satisfy staff development activity hour requirements under 22 Pa. Code § 14.105 (relating to personnel).

For more information, please visit the Pennsylvania Department of Education's website to review <u>Act 55</u> of 2022 Continuing Education Status Extension's Frequently Asked Questions.