

## **NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to [M.G.L. c. 69, § 30](#) and the [Massachusetts Board of Higher Education's Policy Establishing a Process for Public Comment on Articles of Organization and Foreign Certificates of Institutions of Higher Education that the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education](#) will open a comment period relative to Syracuse University's petition to offer dual enrollment courses in high schools in Massachusetts.

Established in 1870, Syracuse University is an independent non-sectarian university located in Syracuse, New York. Since 1972, Syracuse University has been offering, in coordination with local partner high schools, dual enrollment courses for college credit to high school students during their regular high school day via the Syracuse University Project Advance (SUPA). SUPA has been in operation in Massachusetts since the late 1970s, and for Academic Year 2021-2022 currently partners with several high schools in the state. SUPA utilizes a concurrent enrollment model where college courses are taught by highly qualified high school instructors who are provided with adjunct instructor appointments by Syracuse to deliver general education type courses at their respective high schools. Students enroll in regularly catalogued Syracuse University courses as non-matriculated, non-degree seeking students and receive transcribed SU credit upon completion of the course.

The University's administrators contacted Department of Higher Education staff in 2020 when they became aware that the University requires approval by the Board to offer college courses within the Commonwealth. Upon staff recommendation, Syracuse University submitted an application to the Department. The public comment period for the petition of Syracuse University to offer dual enrollment courses at high schools in Massachusetts begins on September 7, 2022 and ends on September 27, 2022. Written comments on the proposed amendments may be submitted at any time prior to 5:00pm on September 27, 2022, by directing the same to the following:

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Please submit electronic comments as an attached Word document and type "SU\_Dual Enrollment" in the subject line. All submissions must include the sender's full name and address. For special accommodations for submission of public comments or information regarding submission of public comments in an alternative format, please contact Shelley Tinkham.