Agenda Item: Celebrating Progress: North High School, Des Moines

Iowa Goal: All PK-12 students will achieve at a high level.

Equity Impact Statement: Data nationally and in Iowa reflect differences in achievement for students from impoverished backgrounds, students with disabilities, and students from non-majority cultural backgrounds.

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Attachments: None

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board hear and discuss this information.

Background: North High School in Des Moines was identified as one of Iowa’s persistently lowest achieving schools in 2009. Their achievement results on the Iowa Assessment from the 2010-2011 school year show significant gains in reading and math proficiency.

A team from North High School will share changes and improvements made at the school during the past 18 months that led to achievement gains, how they will build on the success, and what challenges remain.