Iowa State Board of Education

Executive Summary
November 14, 2012

Agenda Item: Update on Competency-based Education

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

State Board Role/Authority: The State Board acts in an advocacy role to promote effective education opportunities for all students in Iowa. In that capacity, they identify policy development priorities each year and advocate for change as necessary to implement those policies.

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Attachments: None

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

Background: One of the policy development priorities identified by the State Board of Education is “Competency-based Education.” The education reform bill (SF 2284), passed during the last legislative session, directed the Department to appoint a task force to conduct a study regarding competency-based instruction standards, the integration of competency-based instruction with the Iowa Core, and assessment models and professional development. This is an update on the work of the task force.