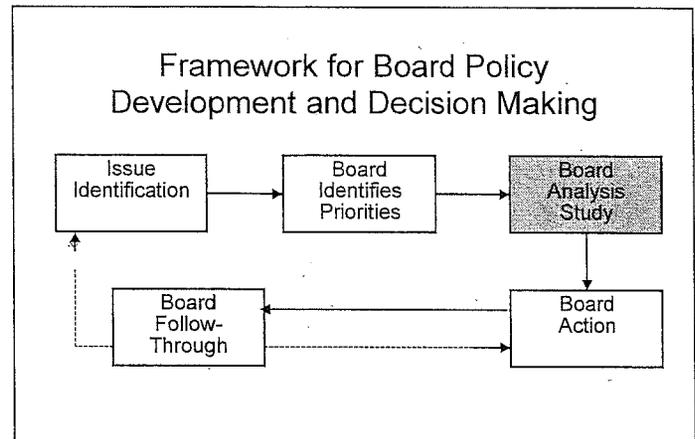


Iowa State Board of Education

Executive Summary

November 14, 2012



Agenda Item: Overcoming the Achievement Divide

Iowa Goals: All

State Board Role/Authority: Iowa Code section 256.7 outlines the duties of the State Board of Education. In order to fulfill these duties, the State Board needs accurate data and information.

Presenter: Jason Glass, Director, Iowa Department of Education

Attachments: None

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

Background: Our state faces unprecedented challenges trying to make sure that each of our students receives a world-class education. The Department of Education is releasing a report that outlines these challenges, and identifies strategies designed to ensure that all students have the opportunity to be successful. The first section of this report provides an updated analysis of student performance in Iowa. The second section of the report describes strategies for addressing these challenges, and the third section of the report describes Iowa's Response to Intervention, a strategy that directly addresses the challenges Iowa faces.