Agenda Item: Religious Groups Exempted from School Standards

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

State Board Role/Authority: Iowa Code section 299.24 allows the Director, with approval from the State Board of Education, to exempt certain religious groups from compliance with the compulsory education law and the educational standards law.

Presenter: None (consent agenda)

Attachments: 2

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the exemption renewal requests for the attached list of five religious groups.

Background: In the past, religious groups in Iowa are exempt from the compulsory education and school standards laws under Iowa Code Section 299.24. A one-year renewal of the initial two-year exemption may be requested annually by each religious group desiring to do so. These renewal requests may be granted by the Director of Education with the approval of the State Board of Education.

Five religious groups have submitted renewal requests including an appropriate list of the names, ages, and post office addresses of children of compulsory age as required by Iowa Code Section 299.24. This request addresses five additional groups.

Each of these five religious groups has complied with requests for information.
DATE: March 28, 2013

TO: Members, State Board of Education

FROM: Jason E. Glass

SUBJECT: Religious Groups Exempted from Educational Standards

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the exemption renewal requests for five religious groups, which were filed pursuant to Iowa Code Section 299.24. (These requests were filed late and are in addition to those approved in November, 2012.)

**Background**
Iowa Code Section 299.24 provides an exemption for religious groups from compliance with the compulsory education and educational standards laws. The initial exemption is for two years. A one-year renewal may be requested by each religious group desiring to do so.

The Department of Education has the administrative responsibility for the exemption and exemption renewal processes. As a part of the exemption renewal process, a report is prepared and submitted annually to the State Board of Education. That report contains the renewal requests and the staff recommendation regarding those requests.
## Exempt Schools

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