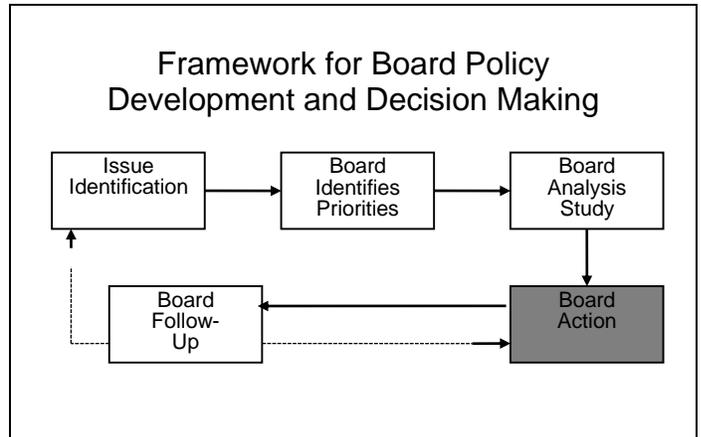


Iowa State Board of Education

Executive Summary

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Agenda Item: Assessment Recommendation

Iowa Goal: Goal 1: All children will enter school ready to learn.
Goal 2: All PK-12 students will achieve at a high level.

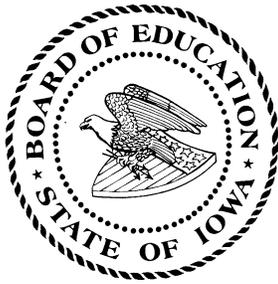
State Board Role/Authority Iowa Code section 256.7(21) requires the State Board to submit to the general assembly recommendations for modifications of assessments of student progress on core academic indicators. The State Board also has a priority related to assessment.

Presenter: Dave Tilly, Deputy Director
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Attachments: 1

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State board discuss the proposed resolution regarding statewide assessment and determine the recommendation to make to the General Assembly.

Background: This proposed resolution is the result of the State Board's ongoing study of statewide assessment issues and a response to the requirement in Iowa Code that they provide recommendations to the General Assembly.



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**Iowa State Board of Education Resolution on Statewide Assessment and
Recommendations for the Iowa Legislature as Required by
Iowa Code 256.7(21)**

February 11, 2015

The Iowa State Board of Education (Board) adopts the following resolution:
Whereas ...

... a high quality, multiple assessment system aligned with Iowa's rigorous academic standards is a priority of the Board and is critical to: (1) accurate reporting of student progress toward college and career readiness, (2) supplying cogent measurements that hold schools accountable for student learning, and (3) providing ongoing data to help educators improve instructional programs;

... student preparation for college and/or postsecondary career is a prerequisite for Iowa's future competitiveness and economic wellbeing;

... the Board has followed closely the work of the Iowa Assessment Task Force commissioned in 2013 by House File 215, and finds the task force membership impressive in its diversity, inclusiveness, and depth of knowledge and experience; and

... the Board finds the task force's deliberative process exceptionally rigorous and their recommendations well reasoned and sound.

Therefore, the Board endorses all the recommendations in the task force report to the Legislature dated January 1, 2015, and notably, the recommendation that Smarter Balanced Assessments be used for future measurements.

The Board further recommends the Legislature restore authority to select the accountability assessment given to all Iowa K-12 students to the Iowa Department of Education with appropriate oversight from the Board.