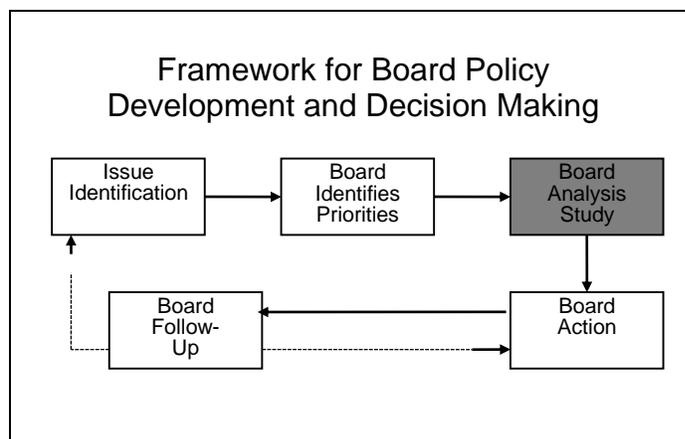


Iowa State Board of Education

Executive Summary

September 17, 2015



- Agenda Item:** Assessment Update and Discussion
- 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** The State Board has the authority and oversight of the State of Iowa's No Child Left Behind assessments and accountability workbook.
- Presenters:** Emily Thatcher, Consultant
Bureau of Standards and Curriculum
- David Tilly, Deputy Director
Division of Learning and Results
- Charlie Edwards, State Board President
- Mary Ellen Miller, State Board Member
- Attachments:** None
- Recommendation:** It is recommended the State Board hear and discuss this information.
- Background:** This is a continuation of the conversation on the State Board's priority on assessment. State and federal law requires that all students be included in the Accountability System. Approximately 1 percent of students cannot demonstrate their achievement on the Iowa Tests due to Significant Cognitive Disabilities. These students' achievement can be included using an Alternate Assessment. This discussion will share with the Board Iowa's new Alternate Assessment and demonstrate how all Iowa students are included in our accountability system.