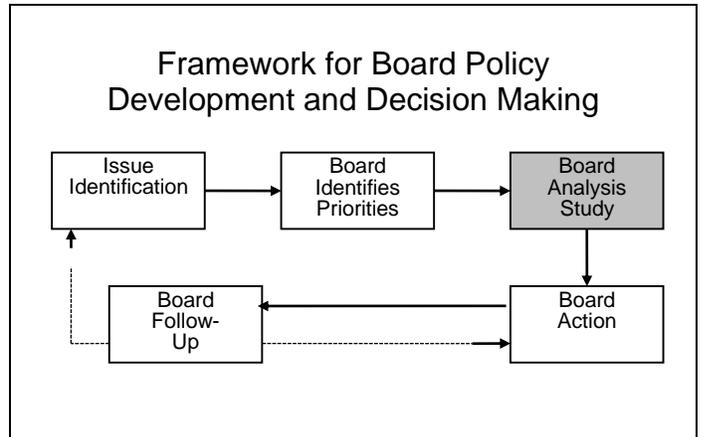


Iowa State Board of Education

Executive Summary

September 17, 2015



Agenda Item: Secondary Career and Technical Education (CTE) Task Force Conversation

Iowa Goal: Goal 2: All PK-12 students will achieve at a high level.
Goal 3: Individuals will pursue postsecondary education in order to drive economic success.

State Board Role/Authority: House File 604 (2013)

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Attachments: None

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

Background: In 2013, House File 604 mandated the establishment of a Secondary CTE Task Force to review existing programming and make recommendations that reduce skill shortages, enhance economic growth, and ensure that all students have access to high-quality, globally competitive CTE programs.

This legislation directed the task force to review and to make recommendations on secondary CTE programs. This review is to consider measures to ensure consistency in CTE program quality statewide. The legislation directs the task force to review provisions of the Iowa Code and related provisions of the Iowa Administrative Code relating to “vocational education” or CTE. The

task force is closing in on a core set of goals and action steps which will form the basis of the group's recommendations to be submitted to the Governor and to the General Assembly prior to the 2016 legislative session.

The task force is finalizing a draft set of recommendations that are around the following: (1) career guidance; (2) high-quality secondary CTE programming; (3) work-based learning; (4) CTE teacher preparation and professional development, and (5) regional partnerships and regional centers.

Whereas each recommendation is individually able to stand on its own, when taken together, the five recommendations point secondary CTE in Iowa in a new and innovative direction by ensuring access to high-quality CTE programming for all students across the state.

The task force recommendations will be finalized at a meeting in late October 2015.