Iowa State Board of Education

Executive Summary

November 18, 2015

Agenda Item: College and Career Readiness Definition Update

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

State Board Role/Authority: The State Board has the authority to develop and adopt rules incorporating accountability for student achievement including a set of core academic indicators, graduation rate, postsecondary education, and successful employment in Iowa.

Presenter: Mary Delagardelle, Associate Division Administrator Division of Learning and Results

Attachments: None

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

Background: This session will update the State Board on work that is currently going on to develop a statewide definition of college and career readiness.

The Department of Education has launched statewide work for creating a definition of college and career readiness. During a large stakeholder group meeting last spring, descriptions of what is important for students to have accomplished by graduation from high school were generated from education and non-education partners. A sub-group of that larger stakeholder group has been working to take their ideas and create a definition in the format that was suggested by the stakeholders. It is now ready to go back to the larger group for vetting on a larger scale. This will be an opportunity for the board to see what will be going out to stakeholders. It will come back to the board for approval at a later date.