**Iowa State Board of Education**

**Executive Summary**

March 31, 2016

**Agenda Item:** Closing the Achievement Gap Report

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

**State Board Role/Authority:** In addition to statutory responsibilities, the State Board provides leadership and advocacy for the system of education in Iowa. Reducing achievement gaps is one of the State Board’s priorities.

**Presenter:** Jay Pennington, Chief Bureau of Information and Analysis Services

**Attachments:** None (The Report will be distributed at the Board meeting.)

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

**Background:** Findings will be presented from the *Iowa Legislative Report Closing the Achievement Gaps*. The report contains the latest information about Iowa student demographics and achievement trends between groups of Iowa students. The report meets a legislative requirement and aligns with board priorities.