Iowa State Board of Education

Executive Summary

November 16, 2016

Agenda Item: State Board Brochure and Priority Assignments

Iowa Goals:

Goal 1: All children will enter school ready to learn.
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: The State Board of Education is established to adopt and establish policy for programs and services of the Department of Education pursuant to law (Iowa Code section 256.7(1)).

Presenters: Ryan Wise, Director
Shan Seivert, Policy Liaison
Division of Policy and Communications

Attachments: 1

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board review and discuss the 2017 priorities brochure.

Background: Each year the State Board develops a brochure that outlines their priorities and goals for each priority. The brochure will be used to communicate policy priorities to legislators, the general public, and a variety of stakeholders.
It is the policy of the Iowa Department of Education not to discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, sex, disability, religion, age, political party affiliation, or actual or potential parental, family or marital status in its programs, activities, or employment practices as required by the Iowa Code sections 216.9 and 256.10(2), Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d and 2000e), the Equal Pay Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 206, et seq.), Title IX (Educational Amendments, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1681 – 1688), Section 504 (Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. § 794), and the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. § 12101, et seq.). If you have questions or complaints related to compliance with this policy by the Iowa Department of Education, please contact the legal counsel for the Iowa Department of Education, Grimes State Office Building, 400 E. 14th Street, Des Moines, IA 50319-0146, telephone number: 515-281-5295, or the Director of the Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, Citigroup Center, 500 W. Madison Street, Suite 1475, Chicago, IL 60661-4544, telephone number: 312-730-1560, FAX number: 312-730-1576, TDD number: 877-521-2172, email: OCR.Chicago@ed.gov.
We are an independent, bipartisan group of Iowans appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Iowa Senate. We strive to be an objective voice for educational excellence by doing the following:

- Adopting rules for carrying out the responsibilities of the Iowa Department of Education.
- Establishing standards and procedures as well as reviewing and approving educator preparation programs.
- Hearing parent and guardian appeals of decisions by local school boards.
- Adopting content standards applicable to all kindergarten through 12th grade students in accredited Iowa schools.
- Accrediting school districts and community colleges.
- Reviewing and approving the budgets of area education agencies and community colleges.
- Approving or denying charter school applications.
- Responding to concerns and input from Iowa citizens throughout the year.
- Advocating on major educational issues to the executive and legislative branches.
- Analyzing the data outlined in the Condition of Education report.

### Legislative Priorities

#### Reducing Achievement Gaps

**Goal:** All students will be proficient in reading by the end of third grade.

**Goal:** Students in need of additional support will have access to high-quality summer learning opportunities.

#### Transitioning to New Assessments

**Goal:** Statewide assessment of student learning will be closely aligned to Iowa’s academic standards.

#### Implementing Iowa Academic Standards

**Goal:** All school districts and accredited nonpublic schools will implement Iowa’s rigorous academic standards to prepare Iowa students with the knowledge and skills they need to be college and career ready.

### State Board Development Priorities

#### Improving Teacher and Leader Preparation

**Goal:** All teacher and leader preparation programs in Iowa will be aligned to comprehensive standards and prepare candidates to meet the high expectations of our teacher and leader workforce.

#### Developing a Comprehensive Career Pathways System

**Supporting Competency-based Education (CBE)**

**Goal:** Students will demonstrate proficiency of essential knowledge and competencies indicating they are college and career ready.

**Increasing Accessibility of Career and Technical Education**

**Goal:** Students across Iowa, regardless of geography, will have access to an array of robust Career and Technical Education and community college credit opportunities through an integrated system.

#### Preparing Productive Citizens for Rewarding Careers

**Goal:** Students, including adult learners, will be prepared and supported by community colleges to be credentialed, productive citizens and lifelong learners.

#### Creating a Safe and Rich Learning Environment

**Goal:** All Iowa schools will foster a culture and climate in which students feel safe and supported.