Iowa State Board of Education

Executive Summary

November 16, 2016

Agenda Item: Every Student Succeeds Act Update

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 Iowa State Board of Education has responsibility to adopt an accountability plan for education in Iowa per Iowa Code 256.6(21)

Presenters:
- Ryan Wise, Director
- David Tilly, Deputy Director

Attachments: None

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

Background:
The Elementary and Secondary Education Act, recently reauthorized as the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), is one of America’s most important federal education laws. It provides for a number of national programs that support “leveling the playing field” for disadvantaged children in obtaining a high-quality education. This reauthorization provides states new opportunities and flexibilities in developing a plan that is right for their state. This presentation will outline some of these opportunities for Iowa and the planning efforts that are underway to develop Iowa’s ESSA plan that is due March 6, 2017.