Agenda Item: Work Session: Achievement Gap Within Advanced Placement Exam Scores by C.O.R.E. (Community of Racial Equity)

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

State Board Role/Authority: Reducing achievement gaps is one of the State Board’s priorities.

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Attachment(s): None

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

Background: This will be an opportunity for board members to learn about a group at Des Moines North High School called C.O.R.E. and what role the State Board can play in bringing about change. The history and mission of C.O.R.E., advanced placement exam score trends, microaggressions faced in the classroom by students of color, and the journey of success through challenges faced will be discussed.