



Charles C. Edwards, Jr.
President
Des Moines

Michael L. Knedler
Vice President
Council Bluffs

Brooke Axiotis
Des Moines

Michael Bearden
Gladbrook

Diane Crookham-Johnson
Oskaloosa

Angela English
Dyersville

Rosie Hussey
Clear Lake

Mike May
Spirit Lake

Mary Ellen Miller
Mason City and
Wayne County

Hannah Rens
Student Member
Sioux City

Brad A. Buck
Director and
Executive Officer

**Iowa State Board of Education Resolution on Statewide Assessment and
Recommendations for the Iowa Legislature as Required by
Iowa Code 256.7(21)**

February 11, 2015

The Iowa State Board of Education (Board) adopts the following resolution:
Whereas ...

... a high quality, multiple assessment system aligned with Iowa's rigorous academic standards is a priority of the Board and is critical to: (1) accurate reporting of student progress toward college and career readiness, (2) supplying cogent measurements that hold schools accountable for student learning, and (3) providing ongoing data to help educators improve instructional programs;

... student preparation for college and/or postsecondary career is a prerequisite for Iowa's future competitiveness and economic wellbeing;

... the Board has followed closely the work of the Iowa Assessment Task Force commissioned in 2013 by House File 215, and finds the task force membership impressive in its diversity, inclusiveness, and depth of knowledge and experience; and

... the Board finds the task force's deliberative process exceptionally rigorous and their recommendations well reasoned and sound.

Therefore, the Board endorses all the recommendations in the task force report to the Legislature dated December 31, 2014, and notably, the recommendation that Smarter Balanced Assessments be used for future measurements.


Charles C. Edwards, Jr., President
State Board of Education