Iowa State Board of Education

Executive Summary

January 14, 2010

Agenda Item: Race to the Top Application

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

Equity Impact Statement: Each and every Iowa student will have access to a world class education.

Presenters: Judy Jeffrey, Director
Office of the Director
Kevin Fangman, Administrator
Division of PK-12 Education

Attachments: None

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve, in concept, an application to be submitted to the U.S. Department of Education.

Background: Iowa has an exciting and important opportunity to develop and fund innovative efforts to improve education throughout our state. That is why Iowa is leading an aggressive effort to apply for the highly competitive Race to the Top funds. This work may lead to millions of dollars for Iowa to support improvements and innovations in education over the next four years. The Race to the Top Fund will distribute billions of dollars in competitive grants from the U.S. Department of Education to encourage and reward states that are creating the conditions for education innovation and reform.