Iowa State Board of Education

Executive Summary

March 31, 2011

**Agenda Item:** Innovative Program – North Iowa Area Community College (NIACC) Incubation Network

**Iowa Goal:** Individuals will pursue postsecondary education in order to drive economic success.

**Equity Impact Statement:** Community colleges provide open access to education, programs, and services.

**Presenters:**
- Roger Utman, Ph.D., Administrator
  Division of Community Colleges and Workforce Preparation

- Debra Derr, Ed.D., President
  North Iowa Area Community College (NIACC)

**Attachments:** None

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

**Background:** This presentation will center on the Virtual Incubation Network funded by a grant from the American Association of Community Colleges and the Mott Foundation. There will also be a brief discussion of other programming the John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center at NIACC provides, which includes the following: Entrepreneur for a Day (5th graders); the Entrepreneurial Academy (11th graders); and the CEO club and student incubation (community college students).