Iowa State Board of Education

Executive Summary

May 12, 2011

Agenda Item: Addressing Achievement Gaps

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

Equity Impact Statement: Data nationally and in Iowa reflect differences in achievement for students from impoverished backgrounds, students with disabilities, and students from non-majority cultural background.

Presenters: Connie Maxson, Chief Bureau of Teaching and Learning Services

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Attachments: None

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board continue to understand achievement differences and make eliminating achievement gaps a state priority.

Background: The State Board identified reducing the achievement gaps as a priority at their retreat in June 2010. The Division of PK-12 Education will give a brief overview of what those gaps are and some system wide actions that will be accomplished in the 2011-12 school year.