

Annual Report

State Accreditation Committee

May 19, 2016

FOREWORD

Nebraska statute 79-703 requires that the State Board of Education establish standards for the approval and accreditation of Nebraska schools and further, that the Commissioner of Education appoint an accreditation committee which “shall be responsible for: (a) recommending appropriate standards and policies with respect to the accreditation and classification of schools; and (b) making recommendations annually to the Commissioner relative to the accreditation and classification of individual schools.”

This report is presented to the State Accreditation Committee for review and consideration in fulfilling the responsibilities prescribed in statute. The report provides the status of currently accredited schools, based upon compliance with Rule 10 (*Regulations and Procedures for the Accreditation of Schools*). It also contains other support information related to school status and accreditation. This report will serve as the basis for State Accreditation Committee action at the meeting of May 19, 2016.

**State Accreditation Committee Membership
2016**

Member	Term Expires
Mike Sieh, Superintendent, Chair Stanton Community Schools	December 31, 2017
Elizabeth Boyle, Teacher Grand Island Public Schools	December 31, 2017
Josie Floyd, Elementary Principal..... Sutherland Public School	December 31, 2017
Dale Fornander, Community Representative Creek Valley Public Schools	December 31, 2018
Brian Gegg, Administrator Educational Service Unit 5	December 31, 2018
Dale Hafer, Superintendent Sandhills Public Schools	December 31, 2017
Pat Hoehner, Department Chair Emeritas University of Nebraska at Kearney	December 31, 2017
Jed Johnston, Dean Doane University	December 31, 2016
ReNae Kehrberg, Assistant Superintendent Omaha Public Schools	December 31, 2017
Mitch Kubicek, Superintendent Dorchester Public Schools	December 31, 2018
Troy Lurz, Principal..... Ogallala Public Schools	December 31, 2017
Kyle McGowan, Superintendent Crete Public Schools	December 31, 2016

Member	Term Expires
Travis Miller, Superintendent Bayard Public Schools	December 31, 2016
Gerry Osborn, Community Representative Ainsworth Public Schools	December 31, 2018
Msgr. John Perkinton, Diocesan Superintendent Lincoln Diocese	December 31, 2016
Kevin Riley, Superintendent..... Gretna Public Schools	December 31, 2016
Joe'l Ruybalid, Superintendent Blue Hill Community Schools	December 31, 2018
Amy Shane, Superintendent O'Neill Public Schools	December 31, 2018
Mark Skillstad, Principal North Platte Catholic Schools	December 31, 2017
Jane Stavem, Associate Superintendent Lincoln Public Schools	December 31, 2018
Abby Freeman, Associate Director UNL, Office of Admissions	Indefinite
Freida Lange, Administrator Nebraska Department of Education	Indefinite

State Accreditation Committee Annual Meeting
Thursday, May 19, 2016
NCSA Building – 455 South 11th St., Lincoln, NE
9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
AGENDA

- A. Opening of the Meeting
1. Call to order; Declare Quorum Present; Establish Legality of the Meeting
 2. Welcome, Introductions, and Opening Comments
 3. Acceptance of Agenda - ROLL CALL VOTE
 4. Approval of Minutes of January 15, 2016, Meeting - ROLL CALL VOTE

B. Objectives for the Day - Freida Lange

- C. Message from the Commissioner, Dr. Matthew Blomstedt
1. Strategic Planning
 2. 2016 Legislation & Implications
 3. Q&A

D. Rule 24 – Endorsements & Certification – Sharon Katt, Adult Programs

Break 10:15 – 10:30

- E. Update on AQuESTT
1. Assessment Report - Valorie Foy, Statewide Assessment
 2. Effective Educator - Donlynn Rice, Commissioner's Office
 3. EBA and ADVISER - Dean Folkers, DRE
 4. Priority & Needs Improvement Schools - Sue Anderson, Aprille Phillips and Matt Heusman

Working Lunch - Hot Topics Facing Schools

F. Debrief Luncheon Topics

G. Physical Education Ad Hoc Committee Report/P.E. Standards - Dale Hafer, Travis Miller and Julane Hill

H. ESSA - Diane Stuehmer, Federal Programs

- I. Rule 10
1. Current Status - Freida Lange
 2. Multi-Cultural - Carol Rempp
 3. Safety Standards - Jolene Palmer

Break 2:30 – 2:45

- J. Action on Accreditation of Schools
1. Schools Recommended for Continued Accreditation 2016-17 - ROLL CALL VOTE
 - Overview - Freida Lange
 2. Schools Recommended for Initial Accreditation 2016-17 - ROLL CALL VOTE
 - Overview - Don Loseke

- K. School Improvement
1. Leadership for Continuous Improvement Workshops - Dennis McGuire
 2. AQuESTT Conference

L. Other

M. Adjourn Meeting by 3:30 p.m.

****Public comment time will be available at 11:50 a.m.**
A working lunch will be served at 12:00 p.m.

Minutes
January 15, 2016

The Nebraska State Accreditation Committee met at the Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln. Chair Mike Sieh called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and declared a quorum present and established the legality of the meeting.

Members present were the following: Elizabeth Boyle, Josie Floyd, Dale Fornander, Abby Freeman, Brian Gegg, Dale Hafer, Pat Hoehner, Jed Johnston, ReNae Kehrberg, Mitch Kubicek, Freida Lange, Troy Lurz, Travis Miller, Msgr. John Perkinson, Kevin Riley, Joe'l Ruybalid, Amy Shane, Mike Sieh, Mark Skillstad, and Jane Stavem.

Gerry Osborn was not in attendance, but he arrived for the afternoon portion of the meeting.

NDE staff members present during all or some of the meeting were the following: Commissioner Matt Blomstedt, Brian Halstead, Deb Frison, Donlynn Rice, Sharon Katt, Diane Stuehmer, Dean Folkers, Michele Borg, Julane Hill, Amy Rhone, Sue Anderson, Aprille Phillips, Matt Heusman, Valorie Foy, Don Loseke, Rick Moses, and Dennis McGuire.

Following greetings and introductions, Mike Sieh reviewed the agenda. Dale Fornander moved to approve the agenda, and Troy Lurz seconded the motion.

Voting yes: Elizabeth Boyle, Josie Floyd, Dale Fornander, Abby Freeman, Brian Gegg, Dale Hafer, Pat Hoehner, Jed Johnston, ReNae Kehrberg, Mitch Kubicek, Freida Lange, Troy Lurz, Travis Miller, Msgr. John Perkinson, Kevin Riley, Joe'l Ruybalid, Amy Shane, Mike Sieh, Mark Skillstad, and Jane Stavem.

Voting no: none

Approval carried 20-0 with 1 absent.

Members reviewed the minutes of the May 21, 2015, meeting. Brian Gegg moved to accept the minutes, and Dale Hafer seconded the motion.

Voting yes: Elizabeth Boyle, Josie Floyd, Dale Fornander, Abby Freeman, Brian Gegg, Dale Hafer, Pat Hoehner, Jed Johnston, ReNae Kehrberg, Mitch Kubicek, Freida Lange, Troy Lurz, Travis Miller, Msgr. John Perkinson, Kevin Riley, Joe'l Ruybalid, Amy Shane, Mark Skillstad, and Jane Stavem.

Voting to abstain: Mike Sieh

Voting no: none

Approval carried 19-0 with 1 absent and 1 abstaining.

Freida Lange reviewed with members the purpose and direction of the committee's responsibilities per Nebraska statute. She stressed that the committee is a group representing a wide variety of schools and personnel throughout the state, and this diversity helps provide clear prioritization of what will best serve the Nebraska students today and tomorrow.

Purpose and Direction

Dr. Blomstedt stressed the efforts of the State Board and the Nebraska Department of Education are to create an atmosphere of support and leadership that will best meet the needs of educators across the state in order for them to effectively serve students. He described the efforts of the Department to launch a vision of education for the state and to examine what is being done around accreditation and school improvement that will do the right things for students. He noted that the state board, with outside assistance and consultation, is developing a strategic plan this summer to assist in the creation of a biennial budget. He reported that this effort will help identify key investments and priorities. He emphasized that the vision and direction of the state board will focus on two themes -- accountability and equity. He

described the ongoing efforts to create a balanced accountability system and the need to address issues of equity created by such factors as poverty.

2016 Legislative Update

Deputy Commissioner Brian Halstead shared information about two legislative bills affecting education. The first bill is LB 868, introduced by Senator Krist, that would add the high school graduation requirement that student pass a civics exam similar to that which immigrants must pass in order to become United States citizens. The second bill, introduced by Senator Scheer, is LB 930 and would allow the State Board to select a national test for eleventh graders, other than the NeSA.

Certificates, Permits, and Counseling Endorsements

Sharon Katt provided members a detailed handout of Rule 21 descriptors of certificates and permits. She noted for members that a permit constitutes anything less than a full certificate. The handout provided nine different certificate and permit descriptions that will assist administrators as they review individual school needs and educators' backgrounds that can best serve the students in their schools. She shared that the newest Rule 21 is awaiting the governor's signature. She informed the committee that she is working with an ad hoc committee to clarify and specialize the middle school certificate where candidates will have greater content area preparation and specifications. Additionally, she said that her division will be working to review two areas, first the requirements for counselors and the changing needs of schools in relationship to this area, and the second area will be looking at the special preparations and qualifications of curriculum directors.

ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act)

Diane Stuehmer gave members an overview of ESSA and its implications for Nebraska schools. She shared that her overview of ESSA elements is not permanent until all the regulations have been written that will accompany this new law. However, she noted that ESSA does give states greater control and flexibility than was in the previous law. She enthusiastically stated that AYP is gone. State testing remains, and sub group data will still be collected because there is still considerable emphasis on equity. ESSA does not mention highly qualified teachers nor does it require statewide teacher evaluation policies with a component of student achievement. She is providing members an electronic copy of what she reported.

Advisor Dashboard Update

Dean Folkers provided members a PowerPoint description and narration of how his division is in year two of the five-year rollout strategy for the dashboard that will provide schools a tool for management of their school data to help inform instruction. He stressed that the April 18-19 AQuESTT Conference will be "Continuing to Improve with Data" and will provide participants an opportunity to share emerging practices and technical assistance. With the promise of a one place log-in, he noted the capabilities that this will have for individualization of data that in turn will benefit the educators but also better inform students and parents.

ESIS (Education of Systems-Involved Students) and Rule 18

NDE consultant Michele Borg provided members several informative handouts that describe the states Interim-Programs and Special Purpose schools serving any school-age child or youth involved or at risk of becoming involved in the child welfare, juvenile criminal justice, or behavioral health system. While she noted what services these programs and schools offer, she emphasized the great need for effective communication between the students' resident schools and the placement institutions that provide temporarily for their education. For a working lunch, she provided members four questions for consideration in regards to their collaboration with out-of-home placements: What challenges are they facing, what have the schools found that works, what doesn't work, and what are the schools' needs?

Health/PE Standards Update

Julane Hill reported that her team has a committee of 29 members representing a wide range of personnel throughout the state involved in writing standards for physical education. She provided members a handout of the timeline for these standards with a target date of State Board adoption in August 2016. She is also organizing an ad hoc committee to work in collaboration with the writing committee to address curricular needs of physical education teachers so that the content of activities in their classes are ones that truly address physical development and education and not just athletic competition.

Positive Behavioral Interventions & Support Systems (PBiS)

Amy Rhone informed members about what PBiS is and how she is leading a statewide initiative to encourage and assist schools to apply and become PBiS schools. She noted that PBiS is an “exciting” system that promotes positive behavior. With positive behavior, a safe and positive learning environment results for students to experience the greatest potential for academic and behavioral success. She shared that she is in the process of writing a grant for the continuation of the program and is surveying schools to determine their needs so that alignment with academics can occur. She provided members a handout that explained what PBiS is, how it is implemented, and its major goals.

Update on AQuESTT and EBA

Sue Anderson shared a PowerPoint presentation with members showing how many schools and districts were classified in each of the four accountability categories. She then told members how the Evidence Based Analysis (EBA) information was applied to schools to modify their classifications. She described and shared sample questions from the thirty responses of the EBA. She said that next steps will be to run data for the needs improvement schools in order to determine common themes. Matt Heusman and Aprille Phillips then described the designation of priority schools process. They outlined the efforts that were made to determine what measurable data NDE had on each of the needs improvement schools that would better inform what schools might be most in need of assistance. Once this data and EBA results were taken into account, the needs improvement schools generated four different themes: those in a rural context, the demographically challenging students, the large urban districts, and schools on reservations. Because they could only choose three priority schools, no school from the demographically challenging students was chosen. They noted that moving forward the desired disposition is to listen to what is happening in each of the three schools, developing data on each of the schools, and aligning ESU support systems to serve the schools. They shared that the designation process only begins again when the State Board releases one of the three schools. All three schools will have progress plans submitted to the State Board by August.

Assessment Update

Much of Valorie Foy’s presentation focused on what impact ESSA may have on the NeSA testing. She shared that it is mostly a wait and see what the consequences of the law may have. She did share a number of possibilities such as opening the possibility that local tests that are valid and reliable may be used for state scores. She further noted that no more than two percent of instructional time could be used for state testing. She said that in Nebraska, state testing is using just one percent of instructional time. She provided members a transition chart for ELL testing. She further discussed the implications for text based analysis (TBA) writing on the state assessments. As for the AQuESTT classification update, she described for members what her team and the psychometricians did with the formula in order to make sure the process was as fair and balanced as possible for all districts: small, large, urban, rural, etc. The ultimate process assured that all schools had the potential to receive compensatory points.

Effective Educator Update

The statewide efforts to develop teacher/principal effective practices (standards) began in 2011, and seventeen schools participated in the two-year pilot that ended last year. Donlynn Rice, who spearheaded these efforts, reported that the State Board has commissioned a study of the state evaluation teacher/principal model and plans to release it in March.

In the meantime, she has been working with school districts to familiarize them with the model and how it can be effectively implemented. She noted that ESSA does not require student performance to be a part of teacher/principal evaluation.

Continuous Improvement Workshops

Don Loseke reported the specific numbers of participants for the five school improvement workshops that were held across the state this past fall. He noted that over a three-year trend, the enrollment has increased nearly twenty percent with this year's enrollment of 746. He further described the structure of the workshops and especially how the first day was modeled around the six tenets of AQuESTT. He encouraged participation in the April 18-19, 2016 AQuESTT conference to be held in Kearney.

School Safety and Security Standards

In the absence of Jolene Palmer, the State School Safety Director, Freida Lange shared with members the packet materials that are the draft form of the State Safety Standards presented to the State Board at their January 2016 meeting. She drew members' attention especially to the rubrics document that would give members a more detailed explanation of the safety standards.

The meeting adjourned at 3:20.

SCHOOL SYSTEMS RECOMMENDED FOR CONTINUED ACCREDITATION

Staff Recommendation:

It is recommended that the following Class II-Class V, Special Purpose, and Nonpublic school systems, be recommended to the State Board of Education for continued accreditation in 2016-17.

Rationale: The schools listed are found to be operating in compliance with Rule 10. This is based on information submitted on their Assurance Statements and, in some instances, gathered on Rule 10 visits to the schools. The schools that listed "areas of non-compliance" on the Assurance Statement submitted a correction of the violations to the Department of Education by the February 1 due date, as provided in Rule 10, and, therefore, are considered in compliance for the full school year.

Any schools dissolving, merging, or unifying for the 2016-17 school year will be accredited under the new name.

Class II through V School Districts

Total: 245

Adams Central	Bloomfield	Crete
Ainsworth	Blue Hill	Crofton
Allen	Boone Central	Cross County
Alliance	Brady	David City
Alma	Bridgeport	Deshler
Amherst	Broken Bow	Diller-Odell
Anselmo-Merna	Bruning-Davenport	Doniphan-Trumbull
Ansley	Burwell	Dorchester
Arapahoe	Callaway	Douglas County West
Arcadia	Cambridge	Dundy County-Stratton
Arlington	Cedar Bluffs	East Butler
Arnold	Centennial	Elba
Arthur County	Central City	Elgin
Ashland Greenwood	Central Valley	Elkhorn
Auburn	Centura	Elkhorn Valley
Aurora	Chadron	Elm Creek
Axtell	Chambers	Elmwood-Murdock
Bancroft-Rosalie	Chase County	Elwood
Banner County	Clarkson	Emerson-Hubbard
Battle Creek	Cody-Kilgore	Eustis-Farnam
Bayard	Columbus	Ewing
Beatrice	Conestoga	Exeter-Milligan
Bellevue	Cozad	Fairbury
Bennington	Crawford	Falls City
Bertrand	Creek Valley	Fillmore Central
Blair	Creighton	Fort Calhoun

School Systems Recommended for Continued Accreditation in 2016-17 (continued)

Franklin	Loomis	Paxton
Freeman	Louisville	Pender
Fremont	Loup City	Perkins County
Friend	Loup County	Pierce
Fullerton	Lynch	Plainview
Garden County	Lyons-Decatur Northeast	Plattsmouth
Gering	Madison	Pleasanton
Gibbon	Malcolm	Ponca
Giltner	Maxwell	Potter-Dix
Gordon-Rushville	Maywood	Ralston
Gothenburg	McCook	Randolph
Grand Island	McCool Junction	Ravenna
Gretna	McPherson County	Raymond Central
Hampton	Mead	Red Cloud
Hartington-Newcastle	Medicine Valley	Riverside
Harvard	Meridian	Rock County
Hastings	Milford	Sandhills
Hay Springs	Millard	Santee
Hayes Center	Minatare	Sargent
Heartland	Minden	Schuyler
Hemingford	Mitchell	Scottsbluff
Hershey	Morrill	Scribner-Snyder
High Plains	Mullen	Seward
Hitchcock County	Nebraska City	Shelby
Holdrege	Nebraska Unified #1	Shelton
Homer	Neligh-Oakdale	Shickley
Howells-Dodge	Newman Grove	Sidney
Humboldt Table Rock Steinauer	Niobrara	Silver Lake
Humphrey	Norfolk	Sioux County
Hyannis Area	Norris	South Central NE Unified
Johnson County Central	North Bend Central	South Platte
Johnson-Brock	North Platte	South Sioux City
Kearney	Northwest	Southern
Kenesaw	Oakland Craig	Southern Valley
Keya Paha County	Ogallala	Southwest
Kimball	Omaha	Springfield Platteview Schools
Lakeview	O'Neill	St Edward
Laurel-Concord-Coleridge	Ord	St Paul
Leigh	Osceola	Stanton
Lewiston Consolidated	Osmond	Stapleton
Lexington	Overton	Sterling
Leyton	Palmer	Stuart
Lincoln	Palmyra Dist OR 1	Sumner-Eddyville-Miller
Litchfield	Papillion-LaVista	Superior
Logan View	Pawnee City	Sutherland

School Systems Recommended for Continued Accreditation in 2016-17 (continued)

Sutton	Wallace	Wheeler Central
Syracuse-Dunbar-Avoca	Walthill	Wilber-Clatonia
Tekamah-Herman	Wauneta-Palisade	Wilcox-Hildreth
Thayer Central	Wausa	Winnebago
Thedford	Waverly	Winside
Tri County	Wayne	Wisner-Pilger
Twin Rivers	Weeping Water	Wood River Rural
Umo Ho Nation	West Boyd	Wynot
Valentine	West Holt Public	York
Wahoo	West Point	Yutan Public
Wakefield	Westside	

Special Purpose Schools

Total: 5

Geneva North (Geneva)
Kearney West High (Kearney)
Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility (Omaha)
Pine Ridge Job Corps (Chadron)
University of Nebraska High School (Lincoln)

Nonpublic Schools

Total: 80

Albion	St Michael's Elementary	(K-8)	Omaha	All Saints Catholic Schools	(K-8)
Atkinson	St Joseph's Elementary	(K-8)	Omaha	Brownell Talbot Schools	(K-12)
Bellevue	Daniel J Gross High School	(9-12)	Omaha	Christ The King Catholic School	(K-8)
Bellevue	St Mary Elementary School	(K-8)	Omaha	Creighton Preparatory School	(9-12)
Bellevue	St Matthew The Evangelist	(K-8)	Omaha	Duchesne Academy	(9-12)
Bow Valley	East Catholic Elementary	(K-8)	Omaha	Holy Cross Catholic School	(K-8)
Boys Town	Boys Town Schools	(K-12)	Omaha	Holy Name Elementary School	(K-8)
Clarkson	St John Neumann Elementary	(1-6)	Omaha	Jesuit Academy	(4-8)
Columbus	St Anthony Elementary School	(K-6)	Omaha	Madonna School	(K-8)
Columbus	St Bonaventure Elementary	(K-8)	Omaha	Marian High School	(9-12)
Columbus	St Isidore Elementary School	(K-8)	Omaha	Mary Our Queen Elementary	(K-8)
Columbus	Scotus Central Catholic	(7-12)	Omaha	Mercy High School	(9-12)
Creighton	St Ludger Elementary School	(K-6)	Omaha	Omaha Christian Academy	(K-12)
Crofton	St Rose of Lima Elementary	(1-8)	Omaha	Our Lady of Lourdes Elementary	(K-8)
David City	Aquinas-St. Mary Catholic	(K-12)	Omaha	Roncalli Catholic High School	(9-12)
Dodge	St Wenceslaus Elementary	(K-6)	Omaha	Sacred Heart Elementary School	(K-8)
Elgin	Pope John XXIII High School	(7-12)	Omaha	St Bernadette Elementary School	(K-8)
Elgin	St Boniface Elementary School	(K-6)	Omaha	St Bernard Elementary School	(K-8)
Elkhorn	Mt Michael Benedictine High	(9-12)	Omaha	St Cecilia Cathedral School	(K-8)
Elkhorn	St Patrick's Catholic School	(K-8)	Omaha	St James-Seton Elementary	(K-8)
Falls City	Sacred Heart Schools	(K-12)	Omaha	St Joan of Arc Elementary School	(K-8)
Fordyce	West Catholic Elementary	(K-6)	Omaha	St Margaret Mary Elementary	(K-8)
Fremont	Archbishop Bergan School	(7-12)	Omaha	St Philip Neri Elementary School	(K-8)
Fremont	Archbishop Bergan Elementary	(K-6)	Omaha	St Pius X/St Leo Elementary	(K-8)
Grand Island	Central Catholic Schools	(6-12)	Omaha	St Robert Bellarmine Elementary	(K-8)
Hartington	Cedar Catholic High School	(7-12)	Omaha	St Stephen The Martyr	(K-8)
Hartington	Holy Trinity Elementary School	(K-8)	Omaha	St Thomas More Elementary	(K-8)
Hastings	Hastings Catholic Schools	(K-12)	Omaha	St Vincent Depaul Elementary	(K-8)
Howells	Howells Community Catholic	(1-6)	Omaha	St Wenceslaus School	(K-8)
Humphrey	St Francis Schools	(K-12)	Omaha	Sts Peter & Paul Elementary	(K-8)
Kearney	Kearney Catholic Schools	(6-12)	Omaha	Skutt Catholic High School	(9-12)
Lincoln	Lincoln Christian Schools	(K-12)	O'Neill	St Mary's Schools	(K-12)
Lincoln	Lincoln Lutheran Middle/High	(6-12)	Osmond	St Mary Elementary School	(K-8)
Lincoln	Parkview Christian	(K-12)	Papillion	St Columbkille Elementary	(K-8)
Lincoln	Pius X High School	(9-12)	Ralston	St Gerald Elementary School	(K-8)
Lindsay	Holy Family Schools	(1-12)	S. Sioux City	St Michael Elementary School	(K-8)
Madison	St Leonard's Elementary School	(K-6)	Wahoo	Bishop Neumann High School	(7-12)
Nebraska City	Nebraska City Lourdes Central	(K-12)	Wayne	St Mary's Elementary School	(K-6)
Norfolk	Norfolk Catholic Schools	(K-12)	West Point	Guardian Angels Central Catholic	(K-12)
North Platte	North Platte Catholic Schools	(K-12)	Winnebago	St Augustine Elementary School	(K-8)

**SCHOOLS RECOMMENDED FOR INITIAL ACCREDITATION
FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR**

Staff Recommendation:

It is recommended that the following schools be recommended to the State Board of Education for Initial Accreditation for the 2016-17 school year.

Rationale:

During the 2015-16 school year, the schools submitted an application to be classified as accredited and completed the application procedures specified in Rule 10. School staff prepared a Documentation Report recording compliance with accreditation requirements of Rule 10. Accreditation staff members conducted visits to the schools and found the schools to be operating in accordance with all of the applicable requirements of Rule 10.

School	Visitation Team – Date
Nebraska Christian Schools, Central City (K-12) Lutheran High Northeast, Norfolk (9-12)	Don Loseke & Rick Moses – 2/18/2016 Rick Moses & Dennis McGuire – 2/11/2016

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT IN 2016-17
(Regulation 10-009.01A)

Accredited schools are required to conduct a continuous school improvement process focused on the improvement of student learning. Most schools use procedures outlined in *The Nebraska Framework for School Improvement* or developed by AdvancED/North Central Association, although a school may use any process that includes the following activities at least once in each five years:

1. Review and update of a mission statement (009.01A1)
2. Collection and analysis of data about student performance, demographics, learning climate, and former high school students. (009.01A2)
3. Selection of improvement goals. At least one goal is directed toward improvement of student performance. (009.01A3)
4. Development and implementation of a plan which includes procedures, strategies, or actions to achieve goals. (009.01A4)
5. Evaluation of progress toward improvement goals. (009.01A5)
6. Incorporation of multicultural education. (009.01A6)
7. An external team visit. (009.01A7)

School improvement is coordinated by the Accreditation and School Improvement team, but is a Department-wide focus. NDE staff members have collaboratively developed the *Continuous Improvement Process Toolkit* (CIP), an on-line resource for schools seeking information about procedures and resources for implementing a continuous improvement process. The CIP Toolkit committee, consisting of NDE team members, reviewed and updated the toolkit in 2015.

**SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS
HELD DURING THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR**

NDE/AdvancED/ESU/NCSA Leadership for Continuous Improvement Workshops

The Nebraska AdvancED/North Central Association (NCA), the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE), the Nebraska Council of School Administrators (NCSA), and the local Educational Service Units (ESU) jointly sponsored five, two-day “Leadership for Continuous Improvement” workshops. The workshops are designed to assist school improvement leaders (at both state accredited and NCA accredited schools.) During the first day, participants discussed the alignment of the six AQuESTT (*Accountability for a Quality Education System Today & Tomorrow*) tenets and the standards for Quality Schools. Research behind the standards and AQuESTT tenets was shared, including: Themes Found in Effective Schools; Vision/Purpose/Direction; Governance and Leadership; Teaching and Assessing for Learning; Resources and Support Systems; and Using Results for Continuous Improvement.

During the second day of the workshops, participants could choose from five sessions of interest to fit the needs of their schools. The first of the five sessions, presented by NDE and ESU staff from across the state, focused on using data to establish target goals and action plans. Session two continued with NDE staff demonstrating how schools may display and use data for school improvement. The third strand, Technical Assistance, provided time for teams to work on individual school improvement plans with assistance available from ESU, NDE, and NCSA personnel. The fourth session was tailored for schools preparing for and hosting external team visits and also reviewed requirements for the Nebraska Frameworks School Improvement Model. AdvancED/North Central schools participated in the fifth session that focused on ASSIST training and planning for an external review.

<u>Workshop Site</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Participants</u>
Norfolk	September 22-23, 2015	183
Gering	September 28-29, 2015	72
Lincoln	October 15-16, 2015	98
Omaha	October 19-20, 2015	149
Kearney	October 26-27, 2015	244

**Team Visits for School Improvement
2015-2016**

School – Public	Location	Ed Leader	Latest Visit	Next Visit
Adams Central	Hastings	Joy Mockelmann	2/26/2012	16-17
Ainsworth	Ainsworth	Jamie Isom	3/16/2015	19-20
Allen	Allen	Ed Stansberry	4/7/2016	20-21
Alliance	Alliance	Mark Taylor	11/25/2012	17-18
Alma	Alma	Kelly Erickson	11/16/2015	20-21
Amherst	Amherst	Dale Hafer	3/17/2016	20-21
Anselmo-Merna	Merna	Jane Brown	3/26/2014	18-19
Ansley	Ansley	Rick Moses	4/16/2014	18-19
Arapahoe	Arapahoe	William Gilbreath	3/14/2012	16-17
Arcadia	Arcadia	Jason Alexander	3/27/2013	17-18
Arlington	Arlington	Don Loseke	3/13/2016	20-21
Arnold	Arnold	Deborah Wragge	3/12/2013	17-18
Arthur County	Arthur	Del Dack	3/19/2015	19-20
Ashland Greenwood	Ashland	Beth Kabes	3/21/2016	20-21
Auburn	Auburn	Scott Blum	3/4/2013	17-18
Aurora	Aurora	Barb Friesth	3/17/2013	17-18
Axtell	Axtell	Ronald Wymore	3/20/2013	17-18
Bancroft-Rosalie	Bancroft	Rhonda Jindra	3/27/2012	16-17
Banner County	Harrisburg	Amy Trauernicht	3/3/2015	19-20
Battle Creek	Battle Creek	Mike Sieh	2/28/2016	20-21
Bayard	Bayard	Mike Pruter	11/7/2011	16-17
Beatrice	Beatrice	Scott Blum	3/11/2014	18-19
Bellevue	Bellevue	Maureen Ryff	1/11/2015	19-20
Bennington	Bennington	Claudia Coughran	2/19/2012	16-17
Bertrand	Bertrand	Kelly Clapp	3/21/2012	16-17
Blair	Blair	Joy Mockelmann	2/12/2012	16-17
Bloomfield	Bloomfield	Margaret Sandoz	3/24/2016	20-21
Blue Hill	Blue Hill	Ross Ricenbaw	4/25/2012	16-17
Boone Central	Albion	Jill Bramlet	3/17/2013	17-18
Brady	Brady	Alan Garey	3/18/2013	17-18
Bridgeport	Bridgeport	Don Loseke	5/5/2015	19-20
Broken Bow	Broken Bow	Jeff McQuistan	3/2/2015	19-20
Bruning-Davenport	Davenport	Teresa Fields	3/28/2012	16-17
Burwell	Burwell	Nick Dressel	3/1/2015	19-20
Callaway	Callaway	Dan Bird	4/6/2016	20-21
Cambridge	Cambridge	Alan Garey	1/25/2016	20-21
Cedar Bluffs	Cedar Bluffs	Teresa Coonts	3/20/2016	20-21

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Centennial	Utica	Dick Meyer	12/11/2013	18-19
Central City	Central City	Steve Epperson	2/14/2016	20-21
Central Valley	Greeley			18-19
Centura	Cairo	Gus Bishop	3/16/2014	18-19
Chadron	Chadron	Jill Bramlet	11/10/2013	18-19
Chambers	Chambers	Freida Lange	4/30/2014	18-19
Chase County	Imperial	Caroline Winchester	2/15/2012	16-17
Clarkson	Clarkson	Kyle Finke	2/24/2016	20-21
Cody-Kilgore	Cody	Rodger Lenhard	2/14/2012	16-17
Columbus	Columbus	Andy Rikli	10/21/2012	17-18
Conestoga	Murray	Pam Lange	4/23/2012	16-17
Cozad	Cozad	Jill Bramlet	11/15/2015	20-21
Crawford	Crawford	Don Loseke	4/9/2015	16-17
Creek Valley	Chappell	Todd Rhodes	2/12/2015	19-20
Creighton	Creighton	Kent Miller	2/10/2015	19-20
Crete	Crete	Maureen Ryff	3/8/2015	19-20
Crofton	Crofton	Amy Shane	2/10/2016	20-21
Cross County	Stromsburg	Suzanne Whisler	3/22/2015	19-20
David City	David City	Sharon Bell	11/2/2014	19-20
Deshler	Deshler	Jeff Messersmith	3/4/2014	18-19
Diller-Odell	Odell	Teresa Fields	2/25/2013	17-18
Doniphan-Trumbull	Doniphan	Denise O'Brien	3/13/2012	16-17
Dorchester	Dorchester	Don Fritz	3/13/2012	16-17
Douglas County West	Valley	Daniel Sybrant	11/12/2014	19-20
Dundy County-Stratton	Benkelman	Penny Businga	3/17/2013	17-18
East Butler	Brainard	Joy Mockelmann	3/17/2013	17-18
Elba	Elba	Kate Hatch	4/21/2015	19-20
Elgin	Elgin	Freida Lange	4/30/2014	18-19
Elkhorn	Elkhorn	Angie Koppang	1/25/2015	19-20
Elkhorn Valley	Tilden	Joey Lefdal	11/25/2013	18-19
Elm Creek	Elm Creek	Roger Reikofski	3/14/2012	16-17
Elmwood-Murdock	Murdock	Suzanne Whistler	3/6/2012	16-17
Elwood	Elwood	Alan Garey	3/23/2015	19-20
Emerson-Hubbard	Emerson	Dave Hamm	4/14/2015	19-20
Eustis-Farnam	Eustis	Denise O'Brien	2/23/2016	20-21
Ewing	Ewing	Freida Lange	4/30/2014	18-19
Exeter-Milligan	Exeter	Michael Derr	4/29/2015	19-20
Fairbury	Fairbury	Curtis Case	3/25/2013	17-18
Falls City	Falls City	Jerry Griffin	10/4/2015	20-21
Fillmore Central	Geneva	Kyle McGowan	3/25/2014	18-19

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Fort Calhoun	Fort Calhoun	Rhonda Jindra	4/15/2015	19-20
Franklin	Franklin	Denise O'Brien	3/9/2015	19-20
Freeman	Adams	Jack Moles	3/31/2014	18-19
Fremont	Fremont	Kathy Reifschneider	4/3/2016	20-21
Friend	Friend	Annette Weise	2/26/2015	19-20
Fullerton	Fullerton	Amy Hill	2/16/2015	19-20
Garden County	Oshkosh	James McGown	11/22/2015	20-21
Gering	Gering	Laura Fischer	11/8/2015	20-21
Gibbon	Gibbon	Barb Friesth	2/17/2014	18-19
Giltner	Giltner	Curtis Cogswell	2/20/2012	16-17
Gordon-Rushville	Gordon	Nick Dressel	3/6/2016	20-21
Gothenburg	Gothenburg	John Sedey	2/19/2012	16-17
Grand Island	Grand Island	Michael Rupprecht	4/29/2014	18-19
Gretna	Gretna	Karen Flora	3/6/2016	20-21
Hampton	Hampton	Jeremy Christiansen	11/21/2011	16-17
Hartington-Newcastle	Hartington			17-18
Harvard	Harvard	Matt Uher	4/14/2014	18-19
Hastings	Hastings	Maureen Ryff	2/14/2016	20-21
Hay Springs	Hay Springs	Randall Butcher	11/19/2012	17-18
Hayes Center	Hayes Center	Julie Barger	3/21/2012	16-17
Heartland	Henderson	Kim Gangwish	3/15/2016	20-21
Hemingford	Hemingford	Rick Moses	1/11/2016	20-21
Hershey	Hershey	Mark Hardy	11/5/2012	17-18
High Plains	Polk	Dick Meyer	11/7/2012	17-18
Hitchcock County	Trenton	Jim Kent	3/3/2015	19-20
Holdrege	Holdrege	Daniel Sybrant	2/16/2014	18-19
Homer	Homer	Denise O'Brien	3/20/2013	17-18
Howells-Dodge	Howells	Jason Dolliver	4/15/2015	19-20
Humboldt Table Rock Steinauer	Humboldt	Robert Lungrin	3/7/2016	20-21
Humphrey	Humphrey	Mike Sieh	3/26/2014	18-19
Hyannis Area	Hyannis	Don Loseke	4/8/2015	16-17
Johnson County Central	Tecumseh	Jerry Morgan	4/10/2016	20-21
Johnson-Brock	Johnson	Deborah Wragge	2/23/2015	19-20
Kearney	Kearney	John Skretta	2/26/2016	20-21
Kenesaw	Kenesaw	James Duval	2/5/2015	19-20
Keya Paha County	Springview	Kathy Vandamme	4/13/2014	18-19
Kimball	Kimball	Nick Dressel	3/11/2013	17-18
Lakeview	Columbus	Michael Rupprecht	3/17/2013	17-18
Laurel-Concord-Coleridge	Laurel	Don Loseke	4/15/2015	16-17
Leigh	Leigh	Kyle Finke	2/26/2014	18-19

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Lewiston Consolidated	Lewiston	Josh Fields	3/23/2015	19-20
Lexington	Lexington	John Sedey	11/8/2015	20-21
Leyton	Dalton	Lynne Klemke	1/18/2012	16-17
Lincoln	Lincoln	Toby Boss	12/8/2013	18-19
Litchfield	Litchfield	Ronald Wymore	3/28/2012	16-17
Logan View	Hooper	Michael Montgomery	3/17/2015	19-20
Loomis	Loomis	David Hendricks	2/19/2013	17-18
Louisville	Louisville	Drew Moore	3/23/2014	18-19
Loup City	Loup City	Freida Lange	12/11/2012	17-18
Loup County	Taylor	Jim York	4/25/2016	20-21
Lynch	Lynch	Freida Lange	4/30/2014	18-19
Lyons-Decatur Northeast	Lyons	Rhonda Jindra	3/21/2013	17-18
Madison	Madison	Kristin Sherwood	3/16/2014	18-19
Malcolm	Malcolm	Barb Friesth	3/1/2012	16-17
Maxwell	Maxwell	Amy Trauernicht	3/30/2016	20-21
Maywood	Maywood	Jane Brown	3/25/2015	19-20
McCook	McCook	Steve Borer	2/10/2015	19-20
McCool Junction	McCool Junction	Holly Herzberg	3/22/2016	20-21
McPherson County	Tryon	Paula Sissel	3/4/2015	19-20
Mead	Mead	Jill Johnson	4/14/2015	19-20
Medicine Valley	Curtis	Michael Harvey	3/20/2013	17-18
Meridian	Daykin	Jeremy Christiansen	2/23/2014	18-19
Milford	Milford	Dick Meyer	11/11/2015	20-21
Millard	Omaha	Freida Lange	12/3/2013	18-19
Minatare	Minatare	Paula Sissel	2/19/2014	18-19
Minden	Minden	Robert Lungrin	12/12/2012	17-18
Mitchell	Mitchell	Teresa Osborn	3/4/2014	18-19
Morrill	Morrill	Robert Lungrin	3/11/2013	17-18
Mullen	Mullen	Freida Lange	1/8/2013	17-18
Nebraska City	Nebraska City	Daniel Sybrant	11/17/2013	18-19
Nebraska Unified #1	Orchard	Freida Lange	4/30/2014	18-19
Neligh-Oakdale	Neligh	Julie Downing	3/17/2013	17-18
Newman Grove	Newman Grove	Barb Friesth	3/6/2013	17-18
Niobrara	Niobrara	Freida Lange	4/30/2014	18-19
Norfolk	Norfolk	Larry Dlugosh	3/19/2012	16-17
Norris	Firth	Sharon Knudson	9/15/2013	18-19
North Bend Central	North Bend	Rhonda Jindra	2/24/2014	18-19
North Platte	North Platte	Sharon Knudson	1/26/2014	18-19
Northwest	Grand Island	Chad Dumas	2/17/2014	18-19
Oakland Craig	Oakland	Jack Moles	12/2/2015	20-21

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Ogallala	Ogallala	Barb Friesth	3/9/2015	19-20
Omaha	Omaha	Freida Lange	2/8/2015	19-20
O'Neill	O'Neill	Julie Downing	4/13/2014	18-19
Ord	Ord	Mike Sieh	3/30/2014	18-19
Osceola	Osceola	Misty Bear	3/21/2016	20-21
Osmond	Osmond	Jeff Messersmith	3/12/2013	17-18
Overton	Overton	Joe Green	2/13/2013	17-18
Palmer	Palmer	Jack Moles	3/29/2015	19-20
Palmyra Dist OR 1	Palmyra	Don Loseke	4/15/2013	17-18
Papillion-LaVista	Papillion	Steve Epperson	3/15/2015	19-20
Pawnee City	Pawnee City	Gail Froeschl	4/2/2015	19-20
Paxton	Paxton	Lynne Klemke	12/3/2012	17-18
Pender	Pender	Dave Gibbons	4/21/2015	19-20
Perkins County	Grant	Jadie Beam	3/15/2015	19-20
Pierce	Pierce	Kent Miller	3/19/2014	18-19
Plainview	Plainview	Michael Montgomery	4/6/2016	20-21
Plattsmouth	Plattsmouth	John Sedey	3/6/2016	20-21
Pleasanton	Pleasanton	Gary Monter	3/26/2012	16-17
Ponca	Ponca	Jamie Isom	12/13/2015	20-21
Potter-Dix	Potter	Amy Trauernicht	1/23/2013	17-18
Ralston	Ralston	Jill Bramlet	3/2/2014	18-19
Randolph	Randolph	Jay Vance	1/26/2016	20-21
Ravenna	Ravenna	Rachael LaBounty	3/18/2014	18-19
Raymond Central	Raymond	David Pine	11/3/2013	18-19
Red Cloud	Red Cloud	Carol Rempp	3/14/2016	20-21
Riverside	Cedar Rapids			17-18
Rock County	Bassett	Justin Frederick	3/31/2016	20-21
Saint Edward	St Edward	Mark Adler	4/19/2013	17-18
Saint Paul	St Paul	Dale Hafer	11/15/2015	20-21
Sandhills	Dunning	Dave Perkins	3/11/2014	18-19
Santee	Niobrara	Julie Downing	3/18/2012	16-17
Sargent	Sargent	Dan Bird	4/15/2014	18-19
Schuyler	Schuyler	Pat Geary	9/16/2012	17-18
Scottsbluff	Scottsbluff	Mark Taylor	10/4/2015	20-21
Scribner-Snyder	Scribner	Kent Miller	3/18/2012	16-17
Seward	Seward	Dennis McGuire	4/7/2014	18-19
Shelby-Rising City	Shelby	Matt Heusman	1/24/2016	20-21
Shelton	Shelton	Jeff McQuistan	11/9/2011	16-17
Shickley	Shickley	Gary Monter	3/29/2012	16-17
Sidney	Sidney	Travis Miller	3/26/2014	18-19

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Silver Lake	Roseland	Michael Moody	4/25/2014	18-19
Sioux County	Harrison	Kathy Griesse	2/29/2012	16-17
South Central NE Unified	Fairfield	Dennis McGuire	12/2/2012	17-18
South Platte	Big Springs	Penny Businga	4/16/2014	18-19
South Sioux City	South Sioux City	Mark Adler	4/6/2015	19-20
Southern School	Wymore	Dave Hamm	4/25/2014	18-19
Southern Valley	Oxford	Paula Mellinger	11/7/2013	18-19
Southwest	Bartley	Kate Hatch	2/20/2013	17-18
Springfield Platteview Schools	Springfield	Leonard Paul	3/1/2015	19-20
Stanton	Stanton	Don Loseke	11/18/2014	16-17
Stapleton	Stapleton	Dawn Lewis	3/17/2015	16-17
Sterling	Sterling	Dave Gibbons	3/22/2012	16-17
Stuart	Stuart	Freida Lange	4/30/2014	18-19
Sumner-Eddyville-Miller	Sumner	Joe Green	4/12/2012	16-17
Superior	Superior	Jill Johnson	3/20/2016	20-21
Sutherland	Sutherland	Kathy Vandamme	11/4/2015	20-21
Sutton	Sutton	Jeremy Heneger	3/19/2014	18-19
Syracuse-Dunbar-Avoca	Syracuse	Russ Uhing	3/4/2013	17-18
Tekamah-Herman	Tekamah	Bob Michl	4/22/2015	19-20
Thayer Central	Hebron	Jeff McQuistan	3/10/2015	19-20
Theford	Theford	Rick Moses	4/16/2013	17-18
Tri County	Dewitt	Jennifer Madison	2/27/2013	17-18
Twin Rivers	Genoa	Don Loseke	3/4/2014	18-19
Umo Ho Nation	Macy	Richard Schoonover	3/11/2012	16-17
Valentine	Valentine	David Gullatt	4/26/2015	19-20
Wahoo	Wahoo	Dee Hoge	2/29/2016	20-21
Wakefield	Wakefield	Jeff McQuistan	3/22/2016	20-21
Wallace	Wallace	Sheri Chittenden	4/16/2014	18-19
Walthill	Walthill	Caroline Winchester	2/21/2016	20-21
Wauneta-Palisade	Wauneta	Julie Barger	4/10/2012	16-17
Wausa	Wausa	Margaret Sandoz	3/12/2014	18-19
Waverly	Waverly	Kathy Reifschneider	12/11/2011	16-17
Wayne	Wayne	David Spellman	4/27/2014	18-19
Weeping Water	Weeping Water	Mark Adler	2/23/2012	16-17
West Boyd	Spencer	Freida Lange	4/30/2014	18-19
West Holt Public	Atkinson	Darin Hahne	11/18/2014	18-19
West Point	West Point	Josh Fields	2/23/2016	20-21
Westside	Omaha	David Barnett	4/24/2016	20-21
Wheeler Central	Bartlett	Freida Lange	4/30/2014	18-19
Wilber-Clatonia	Wilber	Kent Miller	3/14/2016	20-21

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Wilcox-Hildreth	Wilcox	Joe Green	3/18/2014	18-19
Winnebago	Winnebago	Kent Miller	4/18/2016	20-21
Winside	Winside	Margaret Sandoz	2/17/2015	19-20
Wisner-Pilger	Wisner	Jeremy Heneger	3/18/2015	19-20
Wood River Rural	Wood River	Suzanne Whisler	3/23/2014	18-19
Wynot	Wynot	Dave Hamm	4/6/2016	20-21
York	York	Vicki Demao	11/7/2010	20-21
Yutan	Yutan	Kevin Riley	11/21/2013	18-19

Special Purpose Schools	Location	ED Leader	Last Visit	Next Visit
Geneva North	Geneva	Margaret McInteer	4/24/2012	16-17
Kearney West High	Kearney	Rhonda Jindra	4/23/2012	16-17
Nebraska Correctional Youth Fac	Omaha	Don Loseke	3/5/2012	16-17
Pine Ridge Job Corps	Chadron	Merrill Nelsen	4/15/2015	19-20
Univ of Nebraska High School	Lincoln	Freida Lange	2/6/2013	17-18

School – Non Public	Location	Ed Leader	Latest Visit Date	Next Visit
St Michael's Elementary School	Albion	Deborah Wragge	2/17/2016	20-21
St Joseph's Elementary School	Atkinson			19-20
Daniel J Gross High School	Bellevue	Pat Geary	3/22/2012	16-17
St Mary Elementary School	Bellevue	Tom Seib	9/9/2013	18-19
St Matthew The Evangelist	Bellevue	Polly Blum	2/23/2015	19-20
East Catholic Elementary School	Bow Valley	Andy Bishop	4/8/2016	20-21
Boys Town Schools	Boys Town	Jennifer Drahota	1/29/2013	17-18
St John Neumann Elementary	Clarkson			19-20
St Anthony Elementary School	Columbus	Troy Berryman	3/26/2014	18-19
St Bonaventure Elementary	Columbus	Chris Nelson	4/24/2013	17-18
St Isidore Elementary School	Columbus	Deborah Wragge	4/6/2011	17-18
Scotus Central Catholic	Columbus	Fr Lawrence Stoley	3/20/2013	17-18
St Ludger Elementary School	Creighton			19-20
St Rose of Lima Elementary	Crofton			19-20
Aquinas-St Mary Catholic Schools	David City	Dennis McGuire	3/25/2015	19-20
St Wenceslaus Elementary School	Dodge			19-20
Pope John XXIII High School	Elgin	Deborah Wragge	3/21/2012	16-17
St Boniface Elementary School	Elgin	Deborah Wragge	3/21/2012	16-17
Mt Michael Benedictine High	Elkhorn	Richard Schoonover	2/9/2015	19-20
St Patrick's Catholic School	Elkhorn	Fr Lawrence Stoley	2/12/2014	18-19

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Sacred Heart Schools	Falls City	Pat Geary	3/29/2016	20-21
West Catholic Elementary School	Fordyce	Andy Bishop	4/8/2016	20-21
Archbishop Bergan School	Fremont	Lynne Klemke	12/10/2012	17-18
Archbishop Bergan Elementary	Fremont	Lynne Klemke	12/10/2012	17-18
Central Catholic Schools	Grand Island	Marie Butler	3/20/2012	16-17
Cedar Catholic High School	Hartington	Don Loseke	1/20/2015	16-17
Holy Trinity Elementary School	Hartington	Don Loseke	4/21/2016	17-18
Hastings Catholic Schools	Hastings	Roseanne Williby	3/16/2016	20-21
Howells Community Catholic	Howells			19-20
St Francis Schools	Humphrey	Richard Schoonover	3/17/2013	17-18
Kearney Catholic Schools	Kearney	Jennifer Dunn	2/23/2016	20-21
Lincoln Christian Schools	Lincoln	Dennis McGuire	2/16/2016	20-21
Lincoln Lutheran Middle/High	Lincoln	Paul Crisler	4/21/2015	19-20
Parkview Christian	Lincoln	Victor Fordyce	3/14/2016	20-21
Pius X High School	Lincoln	Charles Chevalier	2/28/2012	16-17
Holy Family Schools	Lindsay	Rick Moses	3/25/2014	18-19
St Leonard's Elementary School	Madison			19-20
Nebraska City Lourdes Central	Nebraska City	David McMahon	4/13/2016	20-21
Norfolk Catholic Schools	Norfolk	Don Ridder	3/13/2012	16-17
North Platte Catholic Schools	North Platte	Dustin Mitchell	3/10/2015	19-20
All Saints Catholic Schools	Omaha			19-20
Brownell Talbot Schools	Omaha	Bradley Lyman	9/23/2012	17-18
Christ The King Catholic School	Omaha	Cheryl Castle	3/16/2015	19-20
Creighton Preparatory School	Omaha	Fr Lawrence Stoley	3/28/2012	16-17
Duchesne Academy	Omaha	Susie Sisson	2/10/2015	19-20
Holy Cross Catholic School	Omaha	Dennis McGuire	4/27/2016	17-18
Holy Name Elementary School	Omaha	Dennis McGuire	4/15/2016	17-18
Jesuit Academy	Omaha			19-20
Madonna School	Omaha			19-20
Marian High School	Omaha	Tom Seib	11/28/2012	17-18
Mary Our Queen Elementary	Omaha	Jennifer Dunn	4/22/2015	19-20
Mercy High School	Omaha	Mary Anderson	3/2/2015	19-20
Omaha Christian Academy	Omaha	Becky Shames	4/16/2013	17-18
Our Lady of Lourdes Elementary	Omaha			16-17
Roncalli Catholic High School	Omaha	Tom Seib	3/23/2015	19-20
Sacred Heart Elementary School	Omaha	Don Loseke	2/25/2013	17-18
St Bernadette Elementary School	Omaha	Dennis McGuire	4/27/2016	17-18
St Bernard Elementary School	Omaha	Pat Geary	12/6/2012	17-18
St Cecilia Cathedral School	Omaha	Christopher Segrell	4/16/2012	16-17

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St James-Seton Elementary School	Omaha	Don Loseke	2/25/2013	17-18
St Joan of Arc Elementary School	Omaha	Don Loseke	2/25/2013	17-18
St Margaret Mary Elementary	Omaha			16-17
St Philip Neri Elementary School	Omaha	Don Loseke	2/11/2013	17-18
St Pius X /St Leo Elementary	Omaha	Don Loseke	5/18/2016	17-18
St Robert Bellarmine Elementary	Omaha	Chris Nelson	3/8/2016	20-21
St Stephen The Martyr	Omaha	Pat Geary	3/10/2015	19-20
St Thomas More Elementary	Omaha	Don Loseke	11/25/2013	16-17
St Vincent Depaul Elementary	Omaha	Dave Peters	3/23/2016	17-18
St Wenceslaus School	Omaha			16-17
Sts Peter & Paul Elementary	Omaha	Don Loseke	2/11/2013	16-17
Skutt Catholic High School	Omaha	Tom Seib	2/7/2012	16-17
St Mary's Schools	O'Neill	Lynne Klemke	1/23/2012	16-17
St Mary Elementary School	Osmond			19-20
St Columbkille Elementary School	Papillion	Pat Geary	3/3/2014	18-19
St Gerald Elementary School	Ralston			16-17
St Michael Elementary School	South Sioux City			16-17
Bishop Neumann High School	Wahoo	Barbara Schweiger	4/4/2016	20-21
St Mary's Elementary School	Wayne			19-20
Guardian Angels Central Catholic	West Point	Deborah Wragge	3/19/2012	16-17
St Augustine Elementary School	Winnebago	Betty Getzfred	3/15/2016	20-21

**IMPLEMENTATION OF ACCREDITATION IN NEBRASKA
A SUMMARY
2016-2017**

Rule 10 (*Regulations and Procedures for the Accreditation of Schools*) establishes minimum requirements for the legal operation of all public schools in Nebraska and those nonpublic schools that elect to operate as accredited rather than approved. The Rule establishes equality of opportunity for all students, but it also provides schools flexibility in how they may meet the requirements. While all teachers, for example must be certificated, schools are afforded some latitude in matching assignments and endorsements. Schools may exercise a number of options in offering high school courses ranging from cooperative arrangements with other schools or agencies to synchronous and asynchronous distance education agreements.

The current Rule 10 has an effective date of August 1, 2015. This represents an update of the September 15, 2012, Rule 10 and includes the following changes adopted by The State Board of Education at its meeting on February 6, 2015:

Revise rule language to align with current adoption dates of academic standards and with the revised descriptions of career education courses (Sections 004.01B, 004.01C, and 004.04B6-004.04B6f); add Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) instruction as a required component to personal health curriculum in high schools (Section 004.04B7); expand the requirements specific to virtual delivery of classes that generate instructional units to include student access to a certified staff person with an endorsement aligned with the course content (004.04D2b); align Rule 10 requirements for guidance and counseling certificates (Section 007.05D) with those that are currently required in Rule 24 (*Regulations for Certificate Endorsements*); add accountability requirements that have come into effect with the passage of LB 438, Statute 79-760.06 through 79-760.07; and, miscellaneous non-substantive wording changes.

Rule 10 is clearly not a static document; it is, rather, responsive to a number of influences and events. The rule continues to achieve its purposes of ensuring equity for Nebraska's elementary and secondary students, supporting quality learning, encouraging constant improvement, and advancing accountability. Nebraska schools continue to meet the requirements of accreditation and are actively working to improve student learning.

APPENDIX A

NEBRASKA STATUTE 79-703

79-703. Public schools; approval and accreditation standards; accreditation committee; duties; legislative intent.

(1) To ensure both equality of opportunity and quality of programs offered, all public schools in the state shall be required to meet quality and performance-based approval or accreditation standards as prescribed by the State Board of Education. The board shall establish a core curriculum standard, which shall include multicultural education and vocational education courses, for all public schools in the state. Accreditation and approval standards shall be designed to assure effective schooling and quality of instructional programs regardless of school size, wealth, or geographic location. The board shall recognize and encourage the maximum use of cooperative programs and may provide for approval or accreditation of programs on a cooperative basis, including the sharing of administrative and instructional staff, between school districts for the purpose of meeting the approval and accreditation requirements established pursuant to this section and section 79-318.

(2) The Commissioner of Education shall appoint an accreditation committee which shall be representative of the educational institutions and agencies of the state and shall include as a member the director of admissions of the University of Nebraska.

(3) The accreditation committee shall be responsible for: (a) Recommending appropriate standards and policies with respect to the accreditation and classification of schools; and (b) making recommendations annually to the commissioner relative to the accreditation and classification of individual schools. No school shall be considered for accreditation status which has not first fulfilled all requirements for an approved school.

(4) By school year 1993-94 all public schools in the state shall be accredited.

(5) It is the intent of the Legislature that all public school students shall have access to all educational services required of accredited schools. Such services may be provided through cooperative programs or alternative methods of delivery.