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SUBJECT: Update on the Development of Teacher and Principal Standards for
Educator Effectiveness

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Update on the Development of Teacher and Principal Standards for
Educator Effectiveness

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The drafting of Teacher and Principal Standards continues. During the month of March the following meetings took place:

- March 15 - Standards Drafting Committee
- March 16 – Standards Editing Committee
- March 29 – Stakeholders Group

The Standards being developed currently focus on the following areas:

Teachers

- Foundational Knowledge
- Planning and Preparation
- The Learning Environment
- Instructional Strategies
- Assessment
- Professionalism and Collaboration

Principals

- Vision
- Continuous Improvement
- Instructional Leadership
- Culture for Learning
- Systems Management
- Staff Leadership
- Building Relationships
- Ethics and Integrity
- Policy Engagement/Advocacy

The committees are recommending using a similar format to that used with the academic content standards. Each area will have a broad standard statement accompanied by a set of example indicators that further describe the standard.

This update will share with the Board the work accomplished to date and the anticipated schedule for standards completion.

Estimated Cost: \$25,000 – Federal ESEA Statewide Activities Funds

Supporting Documentation Included: None

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