



TO: Roger Breed, Ed.D.
Commissioner of Education

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SUBJECT: Report from Geography Educators of Nebraska (GEON)
Others

Proposed Board Action:

None

Background Information:

Geography Educators of Nebraska (GEON) is an alliance of persons concerned about the status of geographic education in Nebraska and it is determined to improve the teaching of geography at all levels of education. It is an organization designed to bring together everyone, not just teachers, who seek to promote strategies that will form positive and constructive linkages with other groups with similar goals. It aims to enhance geographic instruction by dissemination of geographic materials and ideas through a newsletter, workshops, summer institutes, and national geography institutes.

The primary objective of GEON is to help students realize the importance of geography in an increasingly interconnected and interdependent world. During this report the group would like to share opportunities provided for K-12 teachers across the state by the GEON group in an effort to improve instruction for all students. They would also like to discuss a concern about the shrinking place social studies has in the K-12 classrooms in Nebraska.

Estimated Cost:

No additional cost

Supporting Documentation Included:

None

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