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**SUBJECT:** Update on Language Arts Standards

**Proposed Board Action:**

None

**Background Information:**

Nebraska has begun reviewing the current language arts standards with the goal of ensuring that rigorous K-12 academic standards are in place that will prepare all students to be college and career ready. To do this they have been following the process adopted by the State Board in October of 2013

- Convene Higher Education representatives from all Nebraska universities, state colleges, and community colleges to review 2009 standards for college and career readiness. Identify areas for improvement.
- Convene writing groups to review all data collected including the McREL alignment study and revise standards as needed.

This report will provide an update on the activities to date as well as information on plans for completion of the drafts.

**Estimated Cost:**

No additional

**Supporting Documentation Included:**

None

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