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SUBJECT: Extend the Charter of the Civics Nebraska Partnership Advisory Council to
January 2013

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Extend the Charter of the Civics Nebraska Partnership Advisory Council to January 2013

The Organizational Policies of the Civics Nebraska Partnership Advisory Council, CNPAC, were approved by the State Board of Education on November 3, 2006. This action would extend the term of CNPAC and all of the members until January 2013.

As an advisory body to the State Board of Education, CNPAC advises the State Board regarding the following:

- Methods to help ensure that civic education is a part of a well-rounded education for Nebraska students.
- Methods to help improve the education of students on the importance of citizen involvement in a representative democracy.
- Methods to promote the study of national, state and local government among the state's citizenry.
- Methods to enhance communication and collaboration among organizations in the state that conduct civic education programs and among civic education professionals.
- Methods that support quality teacher education and professional development in order to ensure effective classroom civic education instruction and raise student achievement.
- Methods for supporting and assisting with the P-16 alignment of social studies curriculum, including civics education.
- Methods for identifying civic education programs, projects, and resources in the state and providing technical assistance as may be necessary.

- Standards for civics education.
- Board Policy as it relates to civic education.

Estimated Cost: No Additional Funds

Supporting Documentation Included: CNPAC Organizational Policies can be found at <http://www.education.ne.gov/ss/CivicsNebraska.htm>

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