

**NEBRASKA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION REGARDING
THREE-YEAR DISTRICT CHOICE ACT PILOT STUDY**

RECITALS

A. The State Board of Education supports the Nebraska P-16 Initiative to increase college going rates and career readiness by the students of State of Nebraska;

B. The State Board of Education has established state-wide assessment of students in the service of improved classroom instruction and educational achievement, all subject to and in accordance with the Nebraska Quality Education Accountability Act (“QEAA”);

C. The State Board of Education wishes to cooperate with and support certain local school districts in Nebraska who are seeking to participate in the ACT District Choice program; and

D. The State Board of Education intends to provide its cooperation and support in order to evaluate the potential use of the ACT on a state-wide basis for eleventh grade students as a means to increase college going rates, to improve career readiness, and to do so in compliance with the requirements of QEAA;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that (i) the Nebraska Department of Education will support and monitor a three-year pilot of an ACT district choice school-day program for participating school districts to begin in 2012, which will require the Department to analyze resulting data, and if necessary to contract with ACT; (ii) that participating districts will continue to be required to participate in all NeSA assessments; and (iii) that the participation in ACT District Choice testing will be contingent upon the state appropriation of funding for same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education authorizes and directs the Nebraska Commissioner of Education or his designee to take such actions as will effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.

On behalf of the State Board of Education this 8th day of March, 2011;

Jim Scheer, President

Bob Evnen, Vice-President