



NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

WHEREAS, Dr. Roger Breed, Commissioner of Education, has demonstrated effective leadership and a strong commitment to students and their schools throughout his 42-year career as an educator in the State of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Breed strengthened relationships among educators and policymakers statewide, establishing a culture of caring accountability for each and every student since becoming Commissioner of Education in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Breed led the revision of academic content standards, implemented assessments and guided the development of a new state accountability system while working with the U. S. Department of Education to ensure that Nebraska continued to move forward with educational reform and improvement efforts built upon the state's tradition of small schools, community support, local control and state guidance; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Breed advocated consistency in the education of English Language Learners and for early childhood education, encouraging interagency collaboration; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Breed improved collaboration between the Nebraska Department of Education and Educational Service Units, establishing a culture of commitment to Continuous Improvement; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Breed provided leadership and support to the Office of Special Education, achieving the highest level of performance determination from the U.S. Office of Special Education Programs, improving the lives of students with disabilities and their families; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Breed provided the vision and support for preparing highly effective teachers for Nebraska students; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Breed worked effectively with the state court system and the Legislature to address excessive absenteeism to improve student attendance and academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Breed served on the Nebraska State Accreditation Committee, the executive board of the Nebraska Council of School Administrators, the Greater Nebraska Schools Association; co-chaired the Nebraska P-16 Initiative and the Chief Justice Task Force for Truancy Intervention; named 2007 Superintendent of the Year by the Nebraska Council of School Administrators; recipient of the National Educational Administrator of the Year Award from the National Association of Educational Office Professionals; recipient of the Jack Halstrom Friend of Education Award; received the Outstanding Educational Leader Award from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Breed's leadership and accomplishments will continue to benefit Nebraska students and their schools long into the future after he retires June 30, 2013, as Commissioner of Education.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION:

- Commends Dr. Roger Breed for his accomplishments; and,
- On behalf of Nebraska students and educators statewide, thanks him for his many years of outstanding service.

Patricia Timm, President

Mark Quandahl, Vice President