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Highlights of the State Board of Education meeting

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STATE ED BOARD WILL EXPLORE NEW TEST OPTIONS AFTER ONLINE WRITING TESTING PROBLEMS

Reoccurring problems with online state testing coupled with state and federal changes have prompted the Nebraska State Board of Education to look for a new direction in state testing. See Feb. 5 [News Release](#)

2015 NEBRASKA MILKEN EDUCATOR COURTNEY MATULKA RECOGNIZED



The State Board of Education recognized Courtney Matulka, an 8th grade science teacher at Beadle Middle School. Matulka received the national 2015-26 Milken Educator Award earlier.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Environment Rating Scales Institute will provide training to ensure the rating scales used for program quality assessments in several early childhood education programs provide a high level of reliability. ERSI is the sole provider of training. See [ERSI](#)

STEP UP TO QUALITY

Emspace Group will provide a public engagement process to emphasize the importance of quality early childhood education and care environments; to increase public awareness and knowledge about Step Up To Quality; and, to encourage the public to consider Step Up To Quality ratings when selecting early care settings for their children. See [Emspace Group](#)

STATE BOARD ADOPTS REVISED RULES

Rule 24, Certificate Endorsements

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Rule 1, Rules and Regulations Governing the Audit of Nebraska Public School Districts

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Rule 2, Uniform System of Accounting for Nebraska Public School Districts

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Rule 83, Procedures of the State Committee for the Reorganization of School Districts

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Rule 13, Regulations and Procedures for Exempting Schools for Which Parents Elect Not to Meet Legal Requirements for School Approval and Accreditation

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REPEAL of Rule 12, Regulations and Procedures for Exempting Schools for Which Parents Elect Not to Meet Legal Requirements for School Approval and Accreditation for Other Than Religious Reasons

See Rationale

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See Rule 12

Rule 19 was approved by the Governor and effective January 18, 2016: Regulations Regarding School Enrollment. Major revision was to reflect the 2015 legislative revision to Statute 79-215 regarding homeless students' enrollment in public schools.

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The State Board of Education will meet March 3-4, 2016.

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