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ESEA FLEXIBILITY: WAIVER

The State Board of Education presented a timeline for submitting a waiver request to the U.S. Department of Education. See [ESEA Flexibility Waiver](#)

A QuESTT: POLICY FORUMS

About 250 participants representing Nebraska school districts, higher education institutions, local communities, Educational Service Units and business and community organizations attended six forums held statewide by the State Board of Education. The forums were held in North Platte, Scottsbluff, Kearney, Norfolk, Omaha and Lincoln in September and October. Participants provided input on the development of the Accountability for a Quality Education System Today and Tomorrow (A QuESTT) system. The State Board of Education also is considering a plan to engage students and other stakeholder groups in a similar forum input activity. See [A QuESTT](#)

STATE OF THE SCHOOLS REPORT: IMPROVED STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Nebraska student performance on state tests has improved in recent years, based on trend data. See [Student Achievement](#)

See [State of the Schools Report](#)

2015 TEACHER OF THE YEAR: RECOGNITION



Shelby Aaberg, a math teacher at Scottsbluff High School, was recognized as the 2015 Nebraska Teacher of the Year. See [2015 Teacher of the Year News Release](#)

RULES 12, 13: TERMINATION OF AN AMENDMENT

The State Board of Education terminated proposed amendments related to exempt schools and announced plans for NDE staff to meet with exempt school associations and parents to discuss potential alternative future revisions. See [Materials Rule 12](#) See [Materials Rule 13](#)

NEBRASKA MATH STANDARDS: UPDATE

A writing group will hold its initial meeting Nov. 19-20 to consider the review and revision of Nebraska's mathematics standards. See [Math Standards Update](#) See [Math Standards Powerpoint](#)