



# NEBRASKA

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### NEBRASKA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION RESOLUTION RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF DONLYNN RICE

**WHEREAS** Donlynn Rice has served...the students, educators, postsecondary institutions, families, and communities of Nebraska through her tireless work serving all curriculum areas, including those that prepare students for life beyond the walls of our educational institutions;

**WHEREAS** Donlynn Rice served on numerous boards, councils, and advisory groups expanding the connection and support for Nebraska Education;

**WHEREAS** Donlynn Rice facilitated the first Nebraska standards writing for GOALS 2000 which reflected both content and processes

**WHEREAS** Donlynn Rice served as the Team Leader for the Curriculum and Instruction Team

- Built the culture of the Curriculum and Instruction Team to genuinely work across disciplines and seek opportunities for collaborative efforts for improved student achievement and engagement
- Provided leadership and support for the processes to develop and revise content area standards
- Allowed team members the direction and yet the freedom to do their jobs while providing support and opportunities for professional growth
- Providing leadership and support for Nebraska Career Education initiatives including the transition to Nebraska Career Education, the Career Cluster Model, and partnerships with Department of Labor and Economic Development

**WHEREAS** Donlynn Rice served as the agency's lead for Educator Effectiveness efforts and oversaw the process to develop and implement the Nebraska Teacher and Principal Performance Framework in order to define effective practices improve teaching and learning

**WHEREAS** Donlynn Rice served as the State Board of Education liaison and supported the development of the 2017-2026 Strategic Vision and Direction.

#### Therefore, be it resolved

That, the Nebraska State Board of Education recognizes Donlynn Rice's contributions and service to Nebraska schools on behalf of a generation of Nebraska children, and,

That, the Nebraska State Board of Education greatly appreciate the assistance Donlynn Rice has provided to the board members and the support of the board in our quest to support every student, every day in Nebraska.

On behalf of the State Board of Education

Patricia Timm, President

06/01/17

Date

John Witzel, Vice President

06/01/17

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