



### Highlights of the State Board of Education meetings on October 2-3, 2014

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## NDE REORGANIZATION ANNOUNCED

Education Commissioner Matt Blomstedt announced that Deputy Commissioner Scott Swisher will oversee Department Operations; Brian Halstead will serve as Deputy Commissioner/Chief of Staff, overseeing NDE Programs and Services; and, Mark Schultz was named Assistant Commissioner of Vocational Rehabilitation/Disability Determination Services. See [NDE Organizational Structure](#)

## STATE EDUCATION LEADERS INTRODUCED

Commissioner Blomstedt introduced Sue Anderson, Aprille Phillips and Jolene Palmer, who were recently named to new NDE leadership positions.



Sue Anderson will serve as state Accountability Coordinator



Jolene Palmer will serve as School Safety Director



Aprille Phillips, was recently hired as Student Achievement Coordinator

## OVERVIEW OF NCLB, ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS

With the upcoming release of the State of the Schools Report, an overview outlining issues and the complexity of No Child Left Behind and AYP was presented. See

[Overview NCLB and AYP](#)

[AYP Guidance Diagrams Instructions](#)

## **2014 TECHNOLOGY REPORT**

The 2014 Technology Report showed that Nebraska schools provided 1.47 instructional devices for every student in 2013-14, increasing student access to technology. Nebraska school districts added 20,000 more devices last year with 134 school districts providing a device for every student in at least one grade. See [Technology Report 2014](#)

## **PROPOSED AP RESOLUTION, STATE BOARD POLICY ON STANDARDS, ASSESSMENT, ACCOUNTABILITY**

A proposed resolution on AP U. S. History as well as State Board policy G19 were referred back to the State Board's Policy Committee for consideration of other issues related to A QuESTT, the new state accountability system.

**The next meeting of the State Board of Education is scheduled for November 6-7.**

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