



August 2015

Highlights of the State Board of Education meeting

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

Every Student, Every Day to Broader. Bolder. Better.

Education Commissioner Matt Blomstedt presented the first-ever annual report on Nebraska's education system, highlighting the shared vision that led to the development of AQuESTT — Nebraska's new school accountability and support system.

See [Commissioner's Report: 2014-2015 Year in Review](#)

AQuESTT: ACCOUNTABILITY FOR A QUALITY EDUCATION SYSTEM, TODAY AND TOMORROW

To help inform educators, teachers, community leaders and the public about AQuESTT, information and resources are available at www.aquestt.com.

Educators are encouraged to share AQuESTT information with their local school boards, community groups and parents in the weeks ahead. In addition to information flyers, key message points, AQuESTT resources and answers to some questions, a link is available for you to submit your questions and comments to NDE staff.

See www.aquestt.com

DRAFT MATHEMATICS STANDARDS: UPDATE

Comments from educators and the public will be considered yet this month as a draft of the mathematics standards is finalized in anticipation of the State Board of Education considering approval in September.

See [Rationale](#)

See [PowerPoint](#)

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Early Childhood Education programs established by schools and Education Service Units were approved for 2015-16.

See [Rationale](#)

See [List of Programs](#)

NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Six non-public schools were granted conditional approval pending a visit after the opening of schools to verify compliance with Rule 14.

See [Rationale](#)

EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS

Educator preparation programs in Nebraska colleges and universities were approved for 2015-16. A list of institutions along with endorsements offered by each institution is attached as well as other documents.

See [Rationale](#)

See [List of Educator Preparation Programs](#)

See [Grace University Recommendation](#)

See [Midland University Recommendation](#)

RULE 22 DRAFT: MASTER TEACHER PROGRAM

The Master Teacher Program was created to build a group of recognized teachers of high achievement in the teaching profession. Under the program, about \$470,000 will be available to assist teachers who earn National Board for Professional Teacher certification.

See [Rationale](#)

See [Proposed Revisions](#)

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS (SIG)

School Improvement Grants, federal Title I grants, were awarded to eligible schools that demonstrated the greatest need as well as the strongest commitment to use the funds to provide adequate resources to substantially raise student achievement.

See [Rationale](#)

See [SIG FUNDING FOR FY 2014](#)

McKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS EDUCATION GRANTS

Grants to assist 12 Nebraska school districts in the education of homeless children and youth were approved.

See [Rationale, List of Districts](#)

RULE 19 DRAFT: SCHOOL ENROLLMENT REGULATIONS

Based on recent legislative action, the proposed Rule 19 provisions would require, in part, public schools to enroll homeless children who lived in their districts when they became homeless.

See [Rationale](#)

See [Rule 19 Hearing Draft](#)

For detailed information about the work session or business meeting, visit <http://www.education.ne.gov/StateBoard/Agendas.html> .

The State Board of Education will meet September 3-4, 2015.

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