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State Board of Education Report

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Highlights of the State Board of Education meeting

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AQuESTT: STATE BOARD POLICY ON AQuESTT

The State Board adopted its policy on AQuESTT — Accountability for a Quality Education System, Today and Tomorrow. The policy is a blueprint for continuous improvement for each school and district, which will be classified yearly as Excellent, Great, Good or Needs Improvement. The classifications will be based on identified statutory criteria and other evidence of activities aimed at improving student achievement. The policy includes the six AQuESTT tenets.

See: [AQuESTT Policy](#)

POSITION STATEMENT ON ESEA REAUTHORIZATION

The State Board of Education adopted an updated statement reflecting the views of state education policy partners on the reauthorization of ESEA. The statement will be presented to federal officials.

See: [ESEA Position Statement](#)

FY 2015-16 DEFICIT BUDGET REQUEST

The Nebraska Department of Education's deficit budget request will be presented to the State Budget Office before October 23, as required.

See: [Rationale for Deficit Budget Request](#)

See: [Deficit Budget Request Summary](#)

See: [Potential Deficit Issues Not Requested](#)

RULE 22 MASTER TEACHER PROGRAM

Rule 22 as adopted includes the Master Teacher Program which will build a group of recognized teachers of high achievement in the teaching profession.

See: [Rationale](#)

See: [Rule 22 Hearing Summary](#)

See: [Rule 22 Redline](#)

RULE 19 SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Rule 19, as adopted, includes revisions primarily intended to reflect recent legislative changes regarding the enrollment of homeless students in public schools and to also clarify a school district's responsibilities related to enrollment of students under the Missing Children's Identification Act.

See: [Hearing Summary](#)

See: [Rule 19 Hearing Draft](#)

BOARD POLICY ON AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE REAFFIRMED

The Nebraska State Board of Education reaffirmed its policy on American Sign Language, which states, in part, that the Board supports the recognition of ASL as a national language and that the Department of Education will continue to ensure that local school districts understand that ASL is recognized as a national language in Nebraska.

See: [Policy American Sign Language](#)

STATE BOARD POLICY ON SCHOOL COUNSELING

The State Board approved its revised policy that encourages schools to implement a system wide K-12 developmentally appropriate school counseling program to help establish positive learning environments for all students.

See: [Policy School Counseling](#)

ADVISER DASHBOARD

The Commissioner is authorized to accept a Michael and Susan Dell Foundation grant to support the ADVISER dashboard which will provide secure and timely data and information to educators and related technologies.

See [Rationale](#)

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The State Board of Education will meet November 5-6, 2015.

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