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OCTOBER IS NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

During a special presentation to the State Board of Education, Nebraska Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) announced its participation in National Disability Employment Awareness Month, an annual awareness campaign that takes place each October. The purpose of the campaign is to create awareness about disability employment issues and celebrate the many and varied contributions of America's workers with disabilities. This year's theme is "InclusionWorks."

Nebraska VR helps people with disabilities prepare for, obtain, and maintain employment while helping businesses recruit, train, and retain employees with disabilities. Reflecting this year's theme, throughout the month Nebraska VR will be engaging in a variety of activities to educate Nebraskans on disability employment issues and the role they play in fostering a disability-friendly work culture.

To learn more, visit www.vr.nebraska.gov.

REPORT: COMPETENCY-BASED EDUCATION STUDY GROUP

The notion of competency-based education (CBE) came to the attention of members of the Nebraska State Board of Education as an innovative approach to meeting the needs of changing education practices. Personalized learning through CBE recognizes that students learn in different ways and at different rates.

To further explore CBE and the implications for Nebraska schools, an ad hoc study committee was formed of the State Board of Education. The study committee met over the course of 2015 and 2016.

The CBE committee recommendations are as follows:

1. Develop a competency-based education staff work group with individuals representing each of the six AQuESTT tenets.
 - a. Designate the ongoing work of CBE efforts to the Teaching and Learning domain committee of the State Board of Education.
2. Explore the resources necessary to implement the strategies outlined.
3. Implement strategies as resources permit, and as they align to support the agency's strategic plan.

APPROVAL OF NEBRASKA PHYSICAL EDUCATION STANDARDS

The State Board of Education unanimously approved the adoption of the Nebraska Physical Education standards. The standards provide a framework to schools for ensuring quality teaching and learning for Physical Education in the state.

Nebraska Physical Education Standards

Public Input Survey

APPROVAL OF THE AQuESTT CLASSIFICATION CYCLE

The State Board of Education voted to approve the AQuESTT Performance Progress Report, designed to showcase improvements based on the 2015 AQuESTT Classification.

AQuESTT Performance Progress Report Prototype

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Friday, November 4, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the Nebraska State Office Building. A work session will be held on Thursday, November 3, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

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



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