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### PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM RATIONALE

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**PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM:** Designate Santee Elementary and Santee High School as Priority Schools and require a significant revision to Santee Middle School's Priority School Progress Plan

**RATIONALE/BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Nebraska Statute 79-760.06 requires the State Board to designate no fewer than three Priority Schools. Nebraska Statute 79-760.07 grants the State Board the authority to remove schools from Priority School status.

In an effort to align and intensify supports for Santee Community Schools, the NDE is recommending the State Board designate Santee Elementary and Santee High School as Priority Schools, and maintain the current Priority Status of Santee Middle School.

Additionally, after three years in Priority Status, the State Board shall reevaluate progress plan to determine if (a) a significant revision of the progress plan is necessary, (b) an entirely new progress plan is developed, or (c) an alternative administrative structure is warranted.

The NDE recommends a significant revision to Santee Middle School's Priority School Progress Plan. The NDE is making this recommendation to ensure clear and explicit strategies that address the middle school level, while still creating alignment to the elementary and high school progress plans.

**ESTIMATED COST:**  
TBD