



# NEBRASKA

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM RATIONALE

**DATE:** August 31, 2021

**TO:** Matthew L. Blomstedt, Ph.D.  
Commissioner of Education

**FROM:** Brad Dirksen, Administrator, Office of Accountability, Accreditation, and Program Approval

**PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM:** Suspend the Rule Revision Scope of Work approved at the December 2020 meeting and extend the Approval, Accreditation, and Accountability timeline to:

- (1) allow for additional stakeholder and practitioner engagement,
- (2) implement new rules no sooner than the 2023-2024 school year, and
- (3) allow at least a full academic year between adoption of new rules and the implementation of the rules.

**RATIONALE/BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The State Board of Education approved a Rule Revision Scope of Work at the December 2020 meeting pertaining to the scope and timeline of the work around three new rules, (1) approval, (2) accreditation and (3) accountability. Based on input from stakeholders, and continued concerns around the pandemic, adjustments to the approved Rule Revision Scope of Work may be necessary.

The recommendation from the State Accreditation Committee follows:

Recommendation to the Commissioner to extend the Rule 10/Rule 14 re-write timeline to allow for additional stakeholder and practitioner engagement and to implement new rules no sooner than the 2023-2024 school year and to allow a at least a full academic year between adoption of new rules and the implementation of those rules.

**PROPOSED BOARD MEETING (MONTH/YEAR):** September/2021

**ESTIMATED COST:** \$0.00

**FOR CONTRACTS AND GRANTS:** N/A

- Indicate the Funding Source:
- New or Renewal:
- If renewal, date of first approval: