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CIVICS READINESS DISCUSSION

Per State Board Strategic Plan goal 5.1, the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) is working to define civic readiness. The State Board received the revised draft in December. Board members discussed the draft and received input from several citizens during public comment, including Senator Mike Groene, the chairperson of the Nebraska Legislature's Education Committee. NDE staff will now review the draft and make any necessary edits before presenting it to the Board in a future meeting.

Civic Readiness Definition Draft

2018 BOARD MEETING DATES SET

The State Board of Education approved the proposed 2018 State Board meeting dates. Generally the Board meets on the first Thursday and Friday after the first Monday of the month with no meeting taking place in July.

Board of Education Meeting Dates

BOARD APPROVES VR TRANSITION CONTRACT

Board members voted to allow the Commissioner to approve a contract with ESU 13 to develop innovative programs across the state to educate Nebraska VR staff, educators, and family members, and implement effective strategies that increase independent living and inclusion for students with disabilities in their communities and competitive integrated workplaces.

VR Transition Contract

ASSESSMENT REPORTING PLAN APPROVED

The State Board approved the summative assessment administration and reporting plan and technical reports. The plan outlines three years of assessments and highlights major changes to statewide assessments such as the transition to ELA and the ACT and the adoption of College and Career Ready Standards.

Assessment and Reporting Plan

REVISIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY APPROVED

The State Board adopted revisions to Rule 15, Regulations and Procedures for the Education of Students with Limited English Proficiency in Public Schools. The major revision is a shift in terminology from referring to these students as English Language Learners to simply English Learners.

English Learner Revisions

REVISIONS TO BASIC SKILLS TEST APPROVED

The State Board adopted revisions to Rule 23, Basic Skills Competency Testing of Teachers and Administrators. The major revision was related to scoring. Instead of using the scores from each subject separately, prospective teachers must achieve a specified composite score.

Basic Skills Test Revisions

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Friday, January 5th, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at the Nebraska State Office Building.

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



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