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RESOLUTION ON EQUITY IN EDUCATION

WHEREAS, The mission of the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) is to lead and support the preparation of all Nebraskans for learning, earning, and living;

WHEREAS, The strategic priorities of the NDE are to:

- Ensure that all Nebraskans, regardless of background or circumstances, have equitable access to opportunities for success; and
- Increase the number of Nebraskans who are ready for success in postsecondary education, career, and civic life;

WHEREAS, The NDE theme for the 2018 – 2019 year is Champions for Equity in Education;

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of Education delivered a speech on Wednesday, July 25, 2018, at the NDE Program Day of the Administrators' Days conference in Kearney, Nebraska, titled, "Commitments for Equity in Education";

WHEREAS, The following statements describe how the NDE will lead for equity:

- CHAMPION educational equity by actively leading the strategic vision, goals, and policy direction to support learning, earning, and living for all students;
- REGULATE educational equity by leveraging policy authority to ensure delivery of high-quality, equitable education and services, beyond compliance with state and federal regulations;
- BUILD CAPACITY around educational equity by directing technical assistance and professional development opportunities and by promoting the sharing of best practices;
- BUILD CONNECTIONS in support of educational equity by bridging the divide between learning, earning, and living, connecting schools, families, business, and communities; and
- Demonstrate CHANGE AGENCY by exploring and supporting promising new innovations that advance educational equity;

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of Education outlined the following Commitments for Equity in Education:

- The NDE commits to equity of opportunity by ensuring all Nebraskans are college, career, and civic ready;

- The NDE commits to equity of achievement by measuring and tracking academic progress;
- The NDE commits to equity of access by leading and supporting educators effectiveness;
- The NDE commits to equity of access by supporting quality instructional materials; and
- The NDE commits to equity of access and opportunity by engaging Nebraskans;

WHEREAS, Nebraska will lead the way in addressing inequities of the past by focusing on opportunities to learn for all students and by adopting a relentless focus on outcomes that ensure all stakeholders deliver on the promise of equity; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education affirms the message delivered by the Commissioner of Education on July 25, 2018; and

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education commits to championing efforts to keep equity at the forefront of the mission of the State Board of Education.



John Witzel, President

08/03/18

Date



Patricia Timm, Vice President

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