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STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION — JANUARY 2019

Meeting. The State Board of Education met on January 16, 2019, in Des Moines. The meeting opened with public comment and a report from Deputy Director Dave Tilly. These are the highlights from the morning session:

Approval of Administrative Rules. The Board adopted administrative rules regarding school health services, online learning, open enrollment, supplementary weighting, and financial management of categorical funding. Administrative rules were also adopted for the Senior Year Plus program with an emergency rules effective date to begin the process of distributing funds. Discussion was held regarding the administrative rules for the corporal punishment ban due to a petition that was filed. A workgroup has been convened with stakeholders including all petitioners, Rural School Advocates of Iowa, Urban Educators Network, School Administrators of Iowa, Iowa State Education Association, Area Education Agencies, and staff from the Department of Education. The workgroup has met several times and has been working together on revising the petition. Additional feedback is being sought along with public comment.

Practitioner Preparation Program Approvals. Summaries of the Spring 2018 reviews of the Simpson College and the University of Iowa practitioner preparation programs were presented and discussed. The Board awarded full approval to both programs.

Davenport School District. An update was given on the Davenport Community School District (DCSD) and ongoing efforts to correct serious problems identified in the district's Special Education programs. Amy Williamson, Chief of the Bureau of School Improvement within the Department of Education, spoke about the progress being made for required Individualized Education Program (IEP) meetings and the ability of the district to meet the April 23 deadline for minimum compliance in completing these meetings. She spoke about the heavy reliance on the local Area Education Agency (AEA) to support compensatory education that must be provided. Additional information was given about the professional development and training being provided to Special Education and General Education teachers. At the end of January, the Department of Education will be sending a team of up to 20 staff to perform a Phase II visit. This visit will address the areas of corrective action and the sustainability of required levels of support for Special Education. As part of the Phase II visit, the Department will be providing several forums to seek parent and community feedback. The visit will also include a finance piece as discussed by Tom Cooley, Chief of the Bureau of Finance, Facilities, Operation and Transportation Services of the Department of Education. The Board asked questions on next steps and the potential for loss of accreditation for the district.

Teacher of the Year. The 2019 Iowa Teacher of the Year, Christopher Burke, an 8th grade math teacher from Dubuque, was introduced at the meeting. Mr. Burke spoke about the need to create a culture and climate of a sense of belonging and the need to recognize that there is value in whatever path a student chooses to take.

Afternoon Session: The Board's afternoon agenda included:

- Northeast Iowa Community College Comprehensive Accreditation Report for FY 2019
- Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) update
- Annual Condition of Education Report and Postsecondary Readiness Report website
- Annual Condition of Iowa's Community Colleges Report for academic year 2018

- School Budget Review Committee update
- Overview of the New Professional Standards for Educational Leaders

The full agenda can be found [here](#).

Next Meeting. The next meeting of the State Board of Education is scheduled for Thursday, March 28, 2019.

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