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STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING — SEPTEMBER 2023

Meeting. The Iowa State Board of Education met on Thursday, September 14, 2023, at the Anne E. Nelson Early Learning Center in Council Bluffs. Materials related to the meeting are available on the Department of Education's <u>website</u>.

Director's Report. State Director of Education McKenzie Snow updated the Board on visits to various school districts and community colleges and developments within the Department. The Director also encouraged the public to nominate students for the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program. Information about the Program can be found <u>here</u>.

Rule Changes. The Governor signed <u>Executive Order No. 10</u> on January 11, 2023, ordering State Executive Branch agencies to perform a comprehensive review of existing administrative rules. Agencies must review their respective rules or chapters to rescind or rescind and readopt them. The Board approved Notice of Intended Action to several chapters that were proposed as a result of the review. Those changes can be found on the Department's <u>website</u>.

English Language Proficiency Assessment. The Board received a report on the Alternate English Language Proficiency Assessment for the 21st Century (Alt ELPA21). The Alt ELPA21 sets standards for English language proficiency of English learners with significant cognitive disabilities. The Board approved the adoption of the Alt ELPA21 modality cut scores and achievement level determinations.

Next Meeting. The next meeting of the State Board of Education is scheduled for Wednesday, November 15, 2023.

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