

Purpose:

For us to share the information we learn here

Cell phone policies

- Several States have banned the use
- So we need assistance from the Commissioner/NDE on this topic?
- Not a lot of support in asking the state for a ban
- Share research for us to inform/educate our communities

Assessment Systems

- NWEA MAPS (?) - attend the road show

AQuESTT

- Intent is to have something ready by May
- Committee of a variety of backgrounds working on it
- Resetting Thresholds
- Z-scores by grade bands
- No negative adjustment
- Discipline reported but not scored (OSS or expulsion)
- New Districts and Schools integration into the system (ease them in)

Accountability

- Identify new and exiting TSI, CSI/ATSI groups
- No new identifying this year (?)
- Some screeners will be discussed
 - Keep an eye on what the department is doing with the Early Literacy Project
 - Not able to secure the waiver on the 1% Alt assessment rate this year

Zoom with Brian H. and Bryce W. on Special Session

- NDE forecast models based on proposals
 - Will produce models if a change to TEEOSA is proposed, and supported by a committee chair
 - We aren't done, get school districts on board by reaching out to them (message to senators)
 - Supt agree to not render a position until we have seen modeling of proposed plans

Rule 11- Early Childhood

- Staff qualification requirements for before and after care
 - Extended care will get more kids into PK potentially
- Five-year-old attending
- Home Visits
- Para training requirements
- Meetings (open meetings act requirements)

Nebraska Literacy Project

- Three goals:
 - Literacy-main thing, better readers tomorrow than today (keep the main thing the main thing)
 - Increase proficiency goal, and move the target date to 2027 v. 2030
 - Evidence based, grounded in the science of reading
 - Attendance:
 - Quality Teachers:
 - \$55 million grant received, first \$11 million comes in October
- Possible ESUCC model, super trainer, a trainer in each service unit to work with districts

What are the things in our districts that Dr. Maher needs to be aware of?

1. Still asking for more than one opportunity to prove they know what they know
 1. Was not well received, the nscas road show
2. Schools seem to be thrown into the wind of the legislature
 1. Time to come forward with some good ideas instead of reacting to the ideas that senators come up with
3. Truancy and working with the county attorneys
4. Performance of NDE is on the upswing
5. Special Education monitoring challenges
6. Certification has come a long way and things are going better; request to see the progress of the certificate from start to finish
7. Transportation; busses, clarification, training, etc. Hard to get done period, let alone in a timely manner; replacement of vehicles
8. Reimbursement requests, timeline has increased but still behind; reproducing the paperwork when you have a fiscal review
9. Safety and Security, having conversations and continuing to share information among school districts