

NEBRASKA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING NOTIFICATION AND AGENDA

- Meeting Date:** Thursday, February 6, 2020 3:00 PM
- Meeting Title:** State Board of Education Legislative Priorities Session and Notification and Agenda
- Location:** State Board Meeting Room State Office Building, Sixth Floor 301 Centennial Mall South Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-4987
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Lincoln, NE 68509
- Web Streaming:** Live web streaming will be available through the State Board of Education website: www.education.ne.gov/StateBoard/
- Agenda:** Except for emergency items added at the time of the meeting, the agenda will not be changed less than 24 hours prior to the start of the meeting and any changes will be immediately posted on the website. The Board will attempt to adhere to the sequence of the published agenda, but reserves the right to adjust the order of items if necessary and may elect to take action on any of the items listed.
- Interpreter:** If you need interpreter services or other reasonable accommodations, please contact the Nebraska Department of Education at (402) 471-5059 five (5) days prior to the meeting to coordinate arrangements.
- Website:** An electronic version of the agenda and support materials are available on the State Board of Education's Agenda page: www.education.ne.gov/StateBoard/Agendas.html
- Lunch:** On Thursday, February 6, 2020, if necessary, the State Board of Education may break for lunch at 12:00 p.m. The lunch will take place in Conference Room C at the State Office Building, Sixth Floor, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. The Board may resume work on the agenda at approximately 1:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER
President Nickels

1. Roll Call
President Nickels

2. Announcement of the placement of the Open Meetings Act information
President Nickels

2. BUSINESS
President Nickels

1. Action Item: Review 2019-2020 Proposed State Legislation and Take Action on Board Positions

Robin Stevens

3. ADJOURNMENT

President Nickels

4. The regularly scheduled meeting of the State Board of Education will reconvene at 9:00 a.m. on February 7, 2020, State Board Meeting Room, State Office Building, Sixth Floor, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE 68509-4987.

**NEBRASKA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
2019-2020 LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY PRIORITIES
ADOPTED 9/6/19**

The foundation for the Nebraska State Board of Education 2019-2020 Legislative and Regulatory Priorities aligns with the Nebraska State Board of Education's Strategic Vision and Direction.

The 2017-2026 Nebraska State Board of Education's Strategic Vision and Direction describes multiple roles assumed by the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) in carrying out the complex work of supporting a state education system. These roles include Champion, Regulator, Capacity Builder, Connector, and Change Agent. NDE will lead for educational equity through intentional and data-informed operationalization of these agency roles. Because of the NDE commitment to leading educational equity intentionally and through multiple agency roles, districts and educational partners will be better equipped to advance educational equity, and increase the number of Nebraskans who are ready for success in postsecondary education, career, and civic life. The following themes frame the Legislative Priorities.

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Behavioral and Mental Health

The State Board supports policy that ensures there are sufficient and equitable services for behavioral and mental health needs for all Nebraskans. The State Board supports and advocates for efforts to ensure a solid system of care is developed statewide and will support legislation and appropriations for:

- Investment and coordination of behavioral and mental health supports through DHHS, regional public health districts, school districts, ESUs, and non-profit organizations
- Incentives for entry into fields of counseling and social work for children and families
- School districts in professional development for trauma informed practices
- Systems of support for teachers and practitioners as they deal with trauma
- Coordinate behavioral and mental health efforts between and among partners and break down barriers to information and resources sharing
- Coordinated school health including a specialist at the NDE to provide assistance to schools and communities

Early Childhood Education

The State Board supports policy that promotes high quality early childhood experiences. The Board supports legislation that changes statutes that would address the equitable access to early childhood opportunities that:

- Allow flexibility in PreK early childhood laws to allow 5 year olds to attend PreK if it is determined by parents, school officials, program funding, based on the best developmental interest of the child
- Establish and ensure local funding is allowed to expand capacity of local programs through laws and regulation that allow local school districts to meet full requirements under the law

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Equitable and Value Added and Alignment of Services and Supports

The State Board supports policy that scales certain services and supports at the regional and statewide levels that will equitably serve schools across the state. The value-added proposition of such services and supports should be in alignment with partner entities including ESUs, school districts, and other educational and human services partners. The Board supports legislation that:

- Secures appropriations to create a digital content repository to provide equitable access to high quality digital content efficiently and effectively to all Nebraska students
- Secures state resource investment in personal learning plans, student engagement, and climate surveys
- Ensures ESU core services meet the needs of member school districts in an efficient and effective manner
- Supports implementation of the Reading Improvement Act, secures appropriations for a specialist at the NDE and to scale up evidence-based assessments, interventions, and strategies on early literacy to ensure students are on grade level in reading
- Secures appropriations for specialists at the NDE to scale up improvement and turnaround efforts to ensure priority schools are increasing student achievement

School Finance and School Organization

The State Board supports policy that promotes a stable, reliable, and equitable system of funding that addresses both the equity of available funding for schools, as well as the equity of burden on taxpayers.

School Safety

The State Board supports policy that sets standards and promotes partnerships with other state and local level organizations for safe school environments. The Board supports legislation that:

- Addresses coordination and sharing of information and resources that address issues pertaining to school security and safety
- Dedicates resources to school safety

Workforce Development

The State Board supports policy that promotes workforce development activities within the PK-12 school system. The State Board supports legislation and appropriations for:

- Expanded resources for reVision to further develop business, community and school linkages at a local level and support statewide efforts with Economic Development, Labor, and other agencies
- Resources for Nebraska Career Connections as part of the personal learning plan and scaled services for college, career, and civic readiness
- Expanded use of the ACT and assessment products that would better inform and prepare students about career opportunities
- Expanded access to dual credit with colleges and efforts that improve the number of career and technical educational opportunities for students in elementary, middle, and high school
- Expand value added resources to support Career Academies

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REGULATORY PRIORITIES

Accountability and Accreditation

The State Board supports policy that continues to connect a well-aligned accountability and accreditation system for schools in Nebraska. The State Board respects the Legislature's support for the development of a well-aligned system of accountability and accreditation. The State Board continues to review and refine accreditation strategies to better identify and support the schools most in need of improvement. Areas of Regulatory focus by the Board include:

- Defining the role of the State Board and the NDE when priority schools are not making progress
- Expanding a level of flexibility and innovation in processes for accreditation

College, Career, and Civic Readiness

The State Board supports policy that promotes civic engagement to ensure that students are prepared for postsecondary education, career, and civic opportunities. The State Board supports regulations that includes a comprehensive approach to defining and measuring civic readiness aligned to Social Studies Standards adopted under Quality Education Accountability Act.

Early Childhood Education

The State Board supports policy that promotes high quality early childhood experiences. The Board supports regulatory changes that:

- Allow flexibility in staffing prekindergarten programs with the ultimate goal of having fully certified early childhood educators in each program

Educator Preparation and Certification

The State Board supports policy that ensures students have access to qualified, credentialed, and effective educators throughout their learning experiences. As such, the State Board of Education is engaged in regulatory changes in the following areas:

- Alternate and non-traditional certification paths for educators consistent with Nebraska's high expectation for effective educators
- Consideration of reciprocity with and between states that remove barriers for educators entering the State of Nebraska to teach with minimal additional requirements
- Eliminating barriers for individuals entering the education profession that represent racial, cultural, economic, and social diversity consistent with Nebraska's high expectations for effective educators
- Shifting from multicultural content minimums to capacity for respect of the multiple cultures with an equity perspective

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State Board Legislative Committee Recommendation for Support

LB 839 Hearing Date: January 28, 2020 – Education Committee
INTRODUCED BY: Senator Wishart

ONE-LINER: Recognize American Sign Language and provide for the teaching of American Sign Language in schools

LB 920 Hearing Date: January 21, 2020 – Education Committee
INTRODUCED BY: Senator Groene

ONE-LINER: Change provisions for the distribution of lottery funds used for education, to transfer powers and duties, and to create new funds

LB 950 Hearing Date: January 27, 2020 – Education Committee
INTRODUCED BY: Senator Murman

ONE-LINER: Change eligibility requirements for the Access College Early Scholarship Program

LB 965 Hearing Date: January 28, 2020 – Education Committee
INTRODUCED BY: Senator McDonnell

ONE-LINER: Establish a language assessment program for children who are deaf or hard of hearing

LB 998 Hearing Date: January 27, 2019 – Education Committee
INTRODUCED BY: Senator Murman

ONE-LINER: Require behavioral awareness and intervention training and points of contact, transfer funds, and change the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act

LB 1131Hearing Date: February 4, 2020 – Education Committee
INTRODUCED BY: Senator Groene

ONE-LINER: Change provisions relating to education

LB 1141Hearing Date: February 5, 2020 – Health & Human Services Committee
INTRODUCED BY: Health & Human Services Committee

ONE-LINER: Require the Department of Health and Human Services to develop operations plans for the youth rehabilitation and treatment centers

LB 1160.....Hearing Date: February 10, 2020 – Business & Labor Committee
INTRODUCED BY: Senator M. Hansen

ONE-LINER: Adopt the Nebraska Workforce and Education Reporting System Act

LB 1168Hearing Date: February 3, 2020 – Education Committee
INTRODUCED BY: Senator Kolowski

ONE-LINER: Adopt the College Credit Testing Fee Reduction Program Act and the Career-Readiness and Dual-Credit Education Grant Program Act, add a fund to the Access College Early Scholarship Program Act, and change provisions relating to the State Lottery Operation Trust Fund

LB 1177 **Hearing Date:** – Education Committee
INTRODUCED BY: Senator Hunt

ONE-LINER: Eliminate oath for teachers and other school employees

LB 1188 **Hearing Date:** February 6, 2020 – Health & Human Services Committee
INTRODUCED BY: Senator Howard

ONE-LINER: Provide duties for the Office of Juvenile Services relating to education and change the definition of interim program school

The State Board Legislative Committee recommends the following statement for bills introduced addressing criminalization of sexual contact with a student or former student and reporting of such.

The State Board of Education supports legislation that prohibits any educator and school employee using his or her position of authority to engage in sexual contact with a student or former student that provides a criminal penalty. In addition, the Board supports requiring schools to establish policies and procedures so that all persons working in education may recognize such inappropriate conduct by educators and school employees and report such conduct to law enforcement, Department of Health and Human Services, and the NDE. Finally, the Board supports legislation providing for communication between all local and state agencies to further guard against such inappropriate behavior going unnoticed by any agency.

LB 766 **Hearing Date:** February 20, 2020 – Judiciary Committee
INTRODUCED BY: Senator Lindstrom

ONE-LINER: Prohibit sexual assault of a minor by an authority figure, change statute of limitations for failure to make a report of child abuse or neglect, and change provisions relating to sexual offenses

LB 991 **Hearing Date:** February 20, 2020 – Judiciary Committee
INTRODUCED BY: Senator Halloran

ONE-LINER: Create the offense of sexual assault of a student and prohibit related enticement conduct by school officials

LB 1048 **Hearing Date:** February 20, 2020 – Judiciary Committee
INTRODUCED BY: Senator Quick

ONE-LINER: Create the offense of sexual assault by a school employee and provide notification to the Commissioner of Education

LB 1080 **Hearing Date:** February 11, 2020 – Education Committee
INTRODUCED BY: Senator Lathrop

ONE-LINER: Require school policies that prohibit sexual conduct with students and former students

LB 1210 **Hearing Date:** February 20, 2020 – Judiciary Committee
INTRODUCED BY: Senator Vargas

ONE-LINER: Create the offense of sexual exploitation of a student

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State Board Legislative Committee Recommended Opposition

LB 1134 **Hearing Date: February 11, 2020 – Education Committee**
INTRODUCED BY: Senator Wayne

ONE-LINER: Change enrollment option limits and provisions for part-time enrollment

LB 1153 **Hearing Date: February 10, 2020 – Education Committee**
INTRODUCED BY: Senator Vargas

ONE-LINER: Change provisions for diploma of high school equivalency testing

LB 1202 **Hearing Date: – Revenue Committee**
INTRODUCED BY: Senator Linehan

ONE-LINER: Adopt the Opportunity Scholarships Act and provide for tax credits

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State Board Legislative Committee Bills Discussed

LB 967 **Hearing Date: – Education Committee**
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INTRODUCED BY: Senator DeBoer

ONE-LINER: Change provisions regarding bullying prevention and education

LB 1111..... **Hearing Date: February 10, 2020 – Education Committee**
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INTRODUCED BY: Senator McDonnell

ONE-LINER: Create a grant program for the State Treasurer to award private donations and temporary school funds to common schools as prescribed

LB 1156 **Hearing Date: – Education Committee**
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INTRODUCED BY: Senator Vargas

ONE-LINER: Provide for a statewide school panic button program

LB 1206..... **Hearing Date: – Education Committee**
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INTRODUCED BY: Senator Vargas

ONE-LINER: Require reporting to the Nebraska Early Childhood Professional Record System

LB 1217 **Hearing Date: February 10, 2020 – Education Committee**
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INTRODUCED BY: Senator Wayne

ONE-LINER: Require individualized response plans following a report of certain types of incidents involving students

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CARRYOVER BILLS PENDING FOR SECOND SESSION IN 2020

- LB 66 (Senator M. Hansen)** -- Provide for an early childhood element in a comprehensive plan of a city
General File
On February 7, 2019, the State Board voted to Support.
- LB 120 (Senator Crawford)** -- Require teacher and school staff to receive training on behavioral and mental health
Education Committee
On February 7, 2019, the State Board voted to Support.
- LB 161 (Senator Erdman)** -- Eliminate learning communities
Education Committee
On February 7, 2019, the State Board voted to Oppose.
- LB 226 (Senator Quick)** -- State intent relating to appropriations for the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Kearney and the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Geneva
Appropriations Committee
On February 7, 2019, the State Board voted to Support.
- LB 241 (Senator Bolz)** -- Provide for teacher mentoring program grants using income from solar and wind agreements on school lands
General File
On March 8, 2019, the State Board voted to Support with an amendment.
- LB 251 (Senator Walz)** -- Adopt the Child Hunger and Workforce Readiness Act (Eliminate cost for reduced-price lunch and breakfast to students in public schools that are determined eligible for reduced-price meals through the National School Lunch Program.)
Education Committee
On February 7, 2019, the State Board voted to Support.
- LB 346 (Senator Wishart)** -- Change special education reimbursements
Education Committee
On February 7, 2019, the State Board voted to Support.
- LB 568 (Senator Morfeld)** -- Provide for mental health first aid training for school districts and change provisions relating to the use of lottery funds
Education Committee
On February 7, 2019, the State Board voted to Support.
- LB 670 (Senator Linehan/Priority)** -- Adopt the Opportunity Scholarships Act and provide tax credits
General File
On February 7, 2019, the State Board voted to Oppose.
- LB 676 (Senator Groene)** -- Change provisions relating to school districts and the reorganization of school districts
Education Committee
On February 7, 2019, the State Board voted to Support.
- LB 727 (Senator Walz)** -- Provide duties for school districts, the State Department of Education, and the Department of Health and Human Services with respect to mental health services
Education Committee
On February 7, 2019, the State Board voted to Support.