



State Board Review

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*The State Board of Education (SBE) met January 8-10 at the Education Building in Raleigh.
The pages that follow summarize the board's actions for the meeting.*

Statewide Professional Development Network Recommended

A seamless state network of high-quality professional development opportunities for school executives is the final recommendation from the State Board of Education and University of North Carolina- General Administration Ad Hoc Committee on School Leadership.

The Committee, which was established in July 2007, was charged with identifying and designing an ongoing support system for 21st Century school leaders.

"This is all about building leadership capacity across the state," said SBE member John Tate, co-chair of the committee.

In a report presented to the State Board of Education's 21st Century Professionals Committee on Wednesday, the Ad Hoc Committee on School Leadership outlined recommendations to establish a statewide center for professional development that would be housed in the Department of Public Instruction. The center would act as a "hub" for professional development and would work jointly with regional academies across the state to provide regular, ongoing professional development to school leaders.

Further recommendations suggest that the professional development be built on the new standards for school executives, which were adopted by the State Board of Education in December 2006, and the creation of a rigorous program of planned professional development that after completion, would provide status as a North Carolina Board Certified School Executive with a commensurate increase in salary.

This item will be placed on the State Board's action agenda for the February meeting.

To access the report and complete listing of recommendations, please visit www.ncpapa.org/Forms/School_Leadership/Ad_Hoc_SL_Report.pdf.

SBE Panels Report Findings on Charter Schools and Testing

The State Board of Education Blue Ribbon Commission on Testing and Accountability and the SBE Blue Ribbon Commission on Charter Schools presented their recommendations to the SBE and the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Commission on Wednesday. For a full review of the reports, please view the January 11, 2008 *NCASA Legislative Link* newsletter that is available by accessing the "legislative" portion of the NCASA website at www.ncasa.net. Links to the full reports will be provided in that newsletter and will be made available as NCASA hot topics on the organization's website.

Action Items

The State Board of Education took action on the following items. Each item is a link that you may "CTRL + click" to download more information.

Globally Competitive Students Committee (GCS)

Action

- **Approved** GCS 1 – [Achieve Algebra II Assessment](#)

Action on First Reading

- **Approved** GCS 2- [Changes to the 2006-07 Accountability Status Report](#)
- **Approved** GCS 3 – [Recommended Interim Achievement Level Descriptors for the NCEXTEND2 OCS English I and Mathematics](#)
- **Approved** GCS 4 – [Recommended Final Academic Achievement Standards \(Cut Scores\) for NCCLAS EOC Assessments of Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, and English I](#)
- **Approved** GCS 5 – [Recommended Final Achievement Level Descriptors for NCCLAS EOC Algebra I, Geometry, and English I](#)

21st Century Systems' Business/Finance and Advocacy Committee (TCS)

Action

- **Approved** TCS 1 – [Reaching One's Potential for Excellence \(ROPE\) Scholars Program](#)
- **Approved** TCS 2 – [Joint Technology Commission Report](#)
- **Approved** TCS 3 – [Appointment of Individuals to the State Evaluation Committee on Teacher Education](#)

Action on First Reading

- **Approved** TCS 4 – [New Members for the BETA](#)
- **Approved** TCS 5 – [Individual Class Size Waiver Requests](#)

21st Century Professionals Committee (TCP)

Action

- **Approved** TCP 1 – [Program Approval Recommendations from the State Evaluation Committee on Teacher Education](#)
- **Approved** TCP 2 – [Proposed Revision of the Teacher Education Program Approval Process](#)
- **Approved** TCP 3 – [Annual Report on the Reasons Teachers Leave the Profession](#)
- **Approved** TCP 4 – [Request to Establish an Additional Regional Alternative Licensure Center](#)
- **Approved** TCP 5 – [Policy on Financial Incentives for the State and Regional Teachers of the Year](#)

Action on First Reading

- **Approved** TCP 6 – [Recommendations from the Advisory Board on Requests for Exception form Teacher Licensing Requirements](#)

Leadership for Innovation Committee

Action

- **Approved** LFI 1 – [Enrollment Increase Requests Above 10% and Charter School Grade Changes](#)

- **Approved** LFI 2 – [Renewal Recommendations for Charter Schools with Charter Expiring June 2008](#)

Action on First Reading

- Approved LFI 3 – Approval of Charter School Technology Plans
 - Approved LFI 4 – Evaluation of Learn and Earn Early College High Schools
 - Approved LFI 5 – Evaluation of Small Structured High Schools (Redesigned or Conversion High Schools)
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