

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
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SUBJECT: K-20 Accountability Task Force

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For information.

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

N/A

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Work is progressing according to project objectives and timelines, with all five task forces focusing on the development of K-20 system measures. At its first meeting in August, the K-20 Task Force agreed that system measures are high-level measures that are consistently applied at all levels, address legislative requirements and goals, and provide information to the public about the overall performance of the K-20 education system. Further, a family of strong system measures will facilitate accountability at the sector and institution levels as well as allowing measures to be rolled up to the system level for overall accountability to the public.

In addition to reaching agreement on preliminary guiding principles, the K-20 Task Force has also recommended five system measure indicators to be used as a working term to more clearly communicate the meaning of system measures. These system measure indicators are shown below.

GOAL	SYSTEM MEASURE INDICATORS
Highest Student Achievement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Evidence of Student Learning
Maximum Access and Seamless Articulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Evidence of AccessEvidence of Readiness and Progression to the Next Educational Level
Workforce and Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Evidence of Post Program Employment and Earnings
Quality and Efficient Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Evidence of Return on Investment

Each of the four sector task forces has held subsequent meetings to discuss and identify their strongest measures for the five indicators. Staff is working with sector task forces to make certain members are comfortable with the measures and have an opportunity for further input and dialogue. Products are also being posted on the web site at www.k20accountability.org to elicit further input from sector representatives as well as the public.

In September, sector task forces will present their recommended system measures to the K-20 Task Force for consideration and dialogue. The K-20 Task Force will reach agreement on high-level K-20 system measures to be used by sector task forces in building ways to measure the uniqueness of each sector, including standards and performance improvement targets.

Supporting Documentation Included: None

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