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SUMMARY OF THE FEBRUARY 2021 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MTG

Board Action

- Accepted recommendations of the Accreditation Review Council and awarded the status of Accredited to USD 445 Coffeyville, John Paul II Elementary, Cure of Ars, St. Thomas Aquinas; and the status of Conditionally Accredited to St. Paul Elementary and Our Lady of Unity.
- Accepted updates to the Navigating Change guidance, reflecting information from the health professionals' advisory team. A modified Gating Criteria chart allows for middle schools and high schools to remain in an in-person or hybrid learning environment when county metrics recommend a remote-only learning environment if school districts meet mitigation protocols.
- Approved the Navigating Next framework as guidance for school districts transitioning out of the pandemic and approved the distribution plan for COVID-19 federal emergency relief.

Presentations and Discussion

- Commissioner Randy Watson, along with Deputy Commissioners Brad Neuenswander and Craig Neuenswande, reported on COVID-related guidance created to support school systems with their action plans to complete the remainder of the 2020-21 school year and to prepare for the 2021-22 school year. The Navigating Next information includes support for determining options for the use of federal COVID emergency relief funds.
- Members received an overview of the Kansas Assessment Program, including information on formative, interim and summative assessments as well as ACT and WorkKeys.
- Representatives from the E-Cigarette / Vaping Task Force reported on work of the cessation subgroup, plus current intervention initiatives and status of tobacco-related legislation.
- Information was presented on increasing opportunities for schools to partner with businesses for students' work-based learning experiences and to enhance career preparedness.
- Evidence of civics inclusion in the History Government Social Studies standards and initiatives designed specifically to enhance students' civics understanding were presented and discussed.
- Rep. Steve Huebert, Chair of the House Education Committee, addressed members regarding opportunities to work together.

Recognition

- Recognized Jessica Phillips of USD 234 Fort Scott, and Melissa Miller of USD 232 DeSoto, for each completing 120 hours of classes to earn a Kansas Certificate in Child Nutrition Management.

Next Meeting – March 9 and 10, 2021.

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