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SUMMARY OF THE NOVEMBER 2021 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MTG

Action

- Accepted recommendations of the Accreditation Review Council to award the status of Accredited to St. John Elementary and the status of conditionally accredited to Annoor Islamic.
- Accepted recommendations of the Commissioner’s Task Force on ESSER and EANS Distribution of Money and approved public school district expenditure plans, change requests and previously considered items now deemed eligible for federal COVID-19 relief funds.
- Approved new higher education preparation program standards for Deaf/Hard of Hearing, Birth through Third grade, Pre-K-12. The standards will aid colleges and universities planning to establish programs leading to an endorsement in deaf education.
- Adopted legislative positions, as amended, for the Kansas State Board of Education, including a separate vote on support of funding transportation of students in all unsafe situations, regardless of mileage. (Attached)
- Revoked the individual’s license in case 21-PPC-01.

Recognition

- Commissioner Randy Watson announced the 2021 Kansans Can Star Awards for schools achieving high standards in these eight categories: high school graduation rate, academically prepared for postsecondary, postsecondary success, individual plan of study, social-emotional growth, kindergarten readiness, civic engagement, outperforming predicted postsecondary effectiveness rate in relation to identified risk factors. Southern Lyon County USD 252 was recognized for outstanding achievement in all eight areas.
- Kansas Department of Health and Environment Secretary Dr. Lee Norman was announced as the recipient of the Confidence in Kansas Public Education’s 2021 ABC Award for his work to support Kansas schools throughout the pandemic.

Reports and Presentations

- Miss Kansas 2021 Taylor Clark shared with members her goals and perseverance strategies, as well as her work to promote several social impact initiatives, most notably music education.
- Students and staff from five school districts spoke about their initiatives to engage students in their communities. This includes pairing students with military veterans in the Kansas Honor Flight program. Several veterans described the impact student involvement has meant to them.

Next Meeting – Dec. 14 and 15 at the Landon State Office Bldg.

Kansas leads the world in the success of each student.