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SUMMARY OF THE APRIL 2020 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MTG

Board Action

- Approved the recommended Best Practices for Student Discipline for E-Cigarette/Vaping Policy Violations developed by the E-Cigarette/Vaping Task Force. The recommended best practices emphasize education on the dangers of these products with a goal of cessation.
- Reappointed Deena Horst to another two-year term as State Board representative on both the Board of Directors and Executive Board for the Kansas State High School Activities Association.
- Approved the Continuous Learning Plans and waivers for exemption from the 1,116 school hour requirement for public school districts, private systems and state schools whose applications were submitted. To be approved, districts had to submit a plan to KSDE for continuous learning and agree to continue paying hourly staff according to their current pay schedule.
- Voted to add State Board of Education to the group letter of support naming funding priorities for federal emergency relief. The letter was addressed to Kansas Congressional delegates.

Presentations and Discussion

- KSDE staff and members of the Continuous Learning Task Force described the timeline and strategies for preparing guidelines to help Kansas educators provide continuous learning opportunities for all students during the time school facilities are closed. Information was also provided on the creation of an implementation guide for school leaders and a parent resource guide.
- An overview of the Kansas Early Childhood Strategic Plan was presented, including details about each of the seven goal areas. The Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund will provide oversight for early childhood systems building, including implementation of this strategic plan.
- This year's Career and Technical Education Scholars were announced. Students applied for this recognition and demonstrated achievement of specific criteria. There were 57 honorees for 2020, and notably they recorded more than 8,900 volunteer hours.

Next Meeting – May 12-13, 2020 in Topeka.

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