

## 2019 BOARD BRIEFS:

### A SUMMARY OF THE FEBRUARY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

#### Action by the Board

- Approved recommendations from the School Mental Health Advisory Council and instructed the Kansas State Department of Education to take necessary action to put each recommendation in place. Recommendations focused on suicide awareness and prevention training plus training on mandated reporting requirements and procedures.
- On separate votes, adopted the findings of the Professional Practices Commission and its recommendations to issue an individual's license; and to deny the licenses of two other individuals.
- Formally received the Final Report from the Legislative Task Force on Dyslexia (attached)

#### Recognitions and Presentations

- Members of the Kansas Teacher of the Year team each spoke about an education topic important to their classroom experience. The group was formally recognized by the State Board.
- The two Kansas Schools named as National Elementary and Secondary Education Act Distinguished Schools, formerly known as the National Title I Distinguished Schools Program, were honored. They are O'Loughlin Elementary in Hays USD 489 and Roesland Elementary in Shawnee Mission USD 512.
- National PTA School of Excellence recipients from Kansas were present to be recognized. They are Shawnee Mission North High School and Mill Creek Elementary, both in Shawnee Mission USD 512, and Eisenhower Middle School in Kansas City Kansas USD 500.
- Manhattan USD 383 and the Kansas Association for Conservation and Environmental Education presented on practices that led to their federal Green Ribbon Sustainability Award.

#### Discussions

- Successful initiatives surrounding school breakfast and the goal of a 5 percent statewide increase in breakfast participation
- School bus stop arm violations (illegal passing of school busses) and increasing student safety when loading and unloading
- Proposed amendments to the Emergency Safety Intervention regulations to clarify specific definitions
- Information about responsibilities of the Office of the State Fire Marshal, school building inspections and emergency preparedness drills

**Next Meeting:** March 12 and 13, 2019 in the Board Room, Suite 102, of the Landon State Office Building

**More Information:** <http://www.ksde.org/Board>