SUMMARY OF THE MAY 2020 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MTG

Board Action
• Accepted the All in for Kansas Kids Strategic Plan, which maps the state's future direction for early childhood. Seven goal areas are addressed in the plan.
• Approved the Special Education Advisory Council plan for implementation of the Transition Task Force recommendations to improve secondary transition for students with disabilities. The plan includes proposed immediate action and long-term strategies.
• Accepted recommendations of the Professional Practices Commission – one suspension, one denied application, and five revocations.
• Approved extending Limited Apprentice Pilots for High Incidence Special Education and Elementary Education licensure by allowing a new cohort to start through the program summer semester of 2020.

Presentations and Discussions
• Public and private schools were surveyed regarding implementation of their Continuous Learning Plans as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Information gathered included barriers experienced, average number of meals served, internet access, student engagement, etc.
• Three partnership initiatives were established during the time of Continuous Learning. 1) Virtual ParentCamps allow parents and educators to share and listen. 2) PBS stations are partnering with Kansas educators to broadcast learning segments for elementary, middle school and high school students. 3) Senior leaders connect virtually to share their own stories and give guidance to their peers on how to transition from high school to postsecondary plans.
• There was an update on recent activity of the Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC), which provides policy guidance to the State Board with respect to special education and related services for children with disabilities.
• Accreditation Review Council recommendations were presented on four systems for State Board consideration. These will be voted on at the next meeting.
• The Teacher Vacancy and Supply Committee has been reviewing evaluations from two limited apprentice pilot programs for licensure: high incidence special education and elementary education. More than 250 individuals are participating with no additional cost to the state.


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