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## SUMMARY OF THE SEPTEMBER 2020 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MTG

### Board Action

- Accepted recommendations of the Accreditation Review Council and awarded the status of accredited to USD 490 El Dorado, and the status of Conditionally Accredited to USD 368 Paola and Hope Lutheran, a private system.
- Because of the pandemic created by COVID-19, agreed to allow public and private systems, as a voluntary option, to suspend accreditation activities through the fall semester of 2020 or to continue in the KESA process as normal. Systems will report social-emotional and academic data into their narrative reports for this year.
- Approved the new educator preparation program standards for Reading Specialist PreK-12.
- Rejected the motion to change existing timelines for recommendations related to dyslexia training and screening.
- Denied or revoked the licenses of individuals in four PPC cases, and issued a Professional Teaching License with public censure to an applicant in a separate PPC case.
- Authorized submission of proposed amendments to Professional Practices Commission regulations to the Budget Division, the Department of Administration, and the Office of the Attorney General for the formal adoption process.
- Accepted recommendations of the Teacher Vacancy and Supply Committee to continue providing a Limited Apprentice License special education paraprofessional-to-teaching pathway, and to continue exploring other alternative pathways for elementary education teacher licensure.
- Accepted the retirement of Deputy Commissioner Dale Dennis effective Sept. 30, 2020, expressing gratitude for 53 years of service to public education as an employee of KSDE. Dr. Craig Neuenswander, current School Finance Director, was appointed to serve as the new Deputy Commissioner of Fiscal and Administrative Services effective Oct. 1, 2020.

### **Summary of Sept. 9 joint meeting with Kansas Board of Regents**

- By consensus, agreed to form a workgroup to advance conversations on aligning spring breaks for the entire Kansas public education system.
- Plan to integrate Kansas DegreeStats within Individual Plans of Study process. DegreeStats, a product of KBOR, is an interactive online tool useful for reviewing costs and wage earning data for undergraduate degrees from Kansas institutions.
- Identify next steps in achieving the goal of high school students earning at least five core college credit hours at no cost through concurrent enrollment.

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