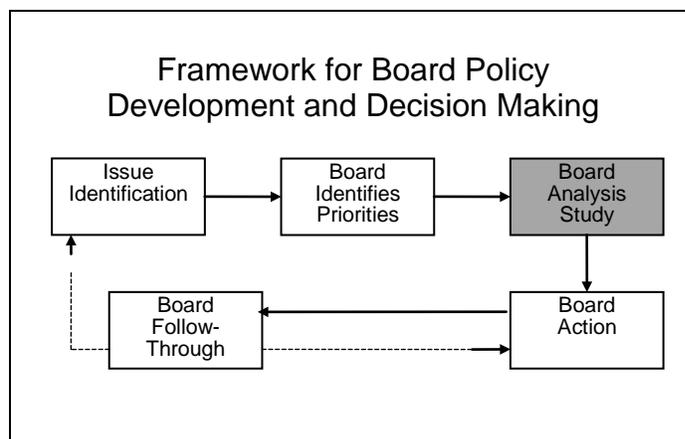


Iowa State Board of Education

Executive Summary

March 28, 2013



Agenda Item: Work Session – Proposal/Next Steps for “Improving Teacher and Leader Preparation”

Iowa Goals: All

State Board Role/Authority: The State Board of Education sets standards for and approves teacher and administrator preparation programs. Iowa Code section 256.7(3).

**Presenters/
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Attachments: None

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board hear and discuss this information.

Background: One of the policy development priorities of the State Board of Education is “Improving Teacher and Leader Preparation.” During the last few State Board meetings extensive information has been provided to the board about the current standards and process used to recommend accreditation for teacher and administrator preparation programs in Iowa. In addition, the State Board has received information about exemplary educator preparation programs, and an overview of the

national Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) standards and procedures for the approval of practitioner preparation programs. The State Board met with the Board of Educational Examiners to discuss preparation and licensure issues, and heard from the Iowa Association of Colleges of Teacher Education about their perception of the accreditation of teacher preparation programs and recommendations for improvement.

At this meeting, department representatives will propose options for next steps to “Improving Teacher and Leader Preparation” for the board’s consideration. Based on the discussion of the board about these options, the department will come back at a later meeting with a more specific plan of action.