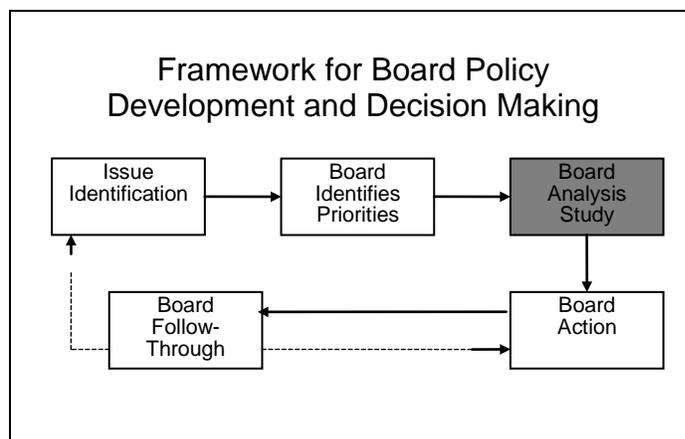


# Iowa State Board of Education

## Executive Summary

May 9, 2013



**Agenda Item:** Innovation – Using Technology to Facilitate Student Learning

**Iowa Goal:** All PK-12 students will achieve at a high level.

**State Board Role/ Authority** In addition to statutory responsibilities, the State Board provides leadership and advocacy for the system of education in Iowa. In order to carry out this leadership function, the State Board identifies policy development priorities – policy areas that can move education forward in Iowa. One of the Board’s 2012 – 2013 policy development priorities is “Online Learning and Other Technological Advances.”

**Presenters:** Ben Petty, Superintendent, BCLUW

Shaelynn Farnsworth, High School English Teacher, BCLUW High School

Cari Teske, High School Principal, BCLUW High School

Other teachers from across Iowa

**Attachments:** None

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

**Background:** BCLUW High School is in its fourth year implementing a 1:1 laptop initiative. This program has provided the students an opportunity to learn globally, think beyond the walls of a classroom, learn more about themselves as learners, and learn critical 21<sup>st</sup> century skills. Their staff and students have connected with schools from across the state and across the globe to successfully integrate technology and engage students in higher levels of learning while enhancing implementation of the core curriculum. They were selected as an Apple Distinguished School last year.