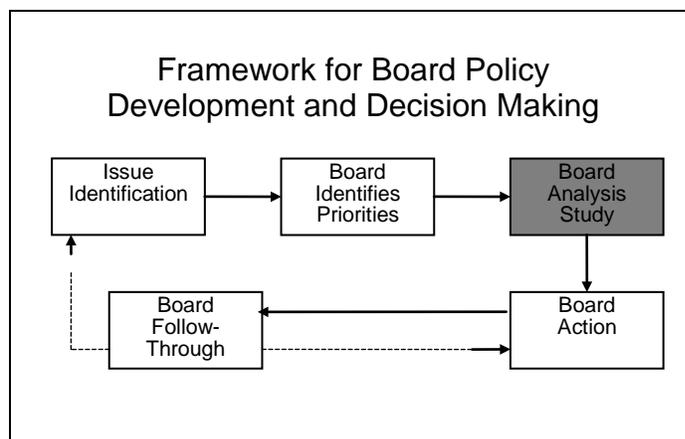


# Iowa State Board of Education

## Executive Summary

May 9, 2013



**Agenda Item:** Introduction - 2013 Iowa Teacher of the Year

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

**State Board Role/ Authority** Iowa Code section 256.45: Ambassador to Education. The department of education shall establish and administer the position of ambassador to education. It shall be the function of the ambassador to education to act as an education liaison to primary and secondary schools in this state. The ambassador to education position shall be filled by the educator selected as teacher of the year by the governor.

**Presenter:** Isbelia Arzola, Consultant  
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**Attachments:** None

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the State Board meet and acknowledge Tania Johnson, the Iowa Teacher of the Year, and engage in discussion of how she can serve through her role as Ambassador of Education to meet the goals of the State Board.

**Background:** The Iowa Teacher of the Year Award was established in 1958 and is sponsored by the Iowa Department of Education through an appropriation from the Iowa Legislature. The award provides an opportunity to recognize an Iowa teacher who motivates, challenges, and inspires excellence; who is respected by students and peers; who is a dedicated professional that helps nurture hidden talents and abilities; who is a creative, caring individual; who takes teaching beyond textbooks and blackboards; and who is an exceptional teacher helping to redefine American education. The Iowa Teacher of the Year will serve in the role of Ambassador to Education.