

SBE Review

February 5 - 7, 2008 Meeting

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... read about the new achievement standards and cut scores for math and science, discover the new EVAAS policies, see which schools received Impact IV grants, and the newest data on dropouts in NC.

**Globally
Competitive
Students**



1. Approved the expansion of an existing policy, allowing middle school students who successfully complete a math or foreign language course to receive high school credit, to also include science courses. The criteria for such science courses include that the teacher be licensed in the science course, that materials and labs be available and meet the safety standards. The reason for this change is to afford students more opportunities to take upper-level science courses in high school.
2. Approved final academic achievement and level descriptors for the NCEXTEND2 end-of-grade reading and math tests for grades 3-8 and approved the draft standards for EOG science in grades 5 and 8.
3. Approved the interim achievement standards and levels for the end-of-course tests in science, physical science, biology, chemistry and physics and final cut scores for Algebra II. This link has the data for the new scores:
http://www.ncpublicschools.org/sbe_meetings/0802/gcs/0802gcs03.pdf
4. Approved the interim standards for NCCLAS EOC Science and Algebra II.
5. Approved the DPI to begin revising the math NC Standard Course of Study for grades K-5. The Department will not revise the curriculum for grades 6-12 until the SBE has had time to work with and approve the recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Testing.
6. Received the North Carolina Prevention Report Card 2008, on the progress on prevention and health in North Carolina, for 2005-2007. Trend data shows that there is a decline in tobacco use, an increase in youth and adult obesity and both youth and adults need to be more active. The report card has several categories where grades are given: Tobacco Grade = C, Nutrition Grade = D and Physical Activity Grade = D. The report can be found at www.ncpreventionpartners.org

**Business,
Finance and
Advocacy**



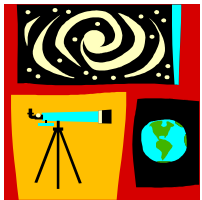
1. Approved the Educational Value Added Assessment System (EVAAS) teacher module. This module is a statistical analysis program provided by SAS that uses student performance data, collected over several years, to assess a teachers' strengths and weaknesses. It is a tool that administrators and teachers can use to design and implement professional development programs that will address their unique needs. DPI worked with NCAE and the Attorney General's office to create a policy that would be fair to all teachers. The EVAAS policy addresses the issues of confidentiality on how the reports can be used, definition of terms, and appropriate use of the reports. Funding for the use of EVAAS in all LEAs having access to NCWISE was appropriated by HB 1473.
2. Approved IMPACT IV grants for Asheboro City, Kannapolis City, Thomasville City and the Northeast Impact Consortium that includes Perquimans and Hertford counties. These IMPACT grants will provide teachers the tools needed to integrate technology practices across the curriculum.
3. Approved new Even Start Family Literacy Grants for Ashe, Asheboro, Bertie, Burke, Caldwell, Craven, Cumberland, Forsyth Quality Charter, Greene, Lee, Lenoir, Richmond, Rutherford and Washington counties, totaling \$223,350,000.
4. Denied additional class size waivers requested by Wake for 13 elementary schools. Approved a class size wavier for a Transylvania county middle school

**21st Century
Systems**

due to the geographic isolation of the school.

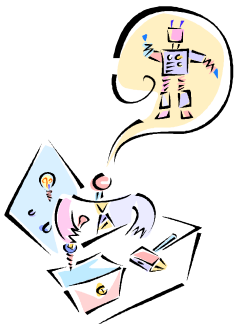
5. Discussed the 2008-2009 Supplemental Budget. DPI is requesting input for priorities from various stakeholder groups.

21st Century Professionals



1. Approved the report from an ad hoc committee on Professional Development for School Leaders. This committee began their work in July 2007, using as their catalysts the new Administrator Standards. The report recommends major changes in how school leaders are trained and supported. The changes include revamping the current delivery systems to better coordinate and align the training so inspiring leaders will be 21st Century Leaders. The full report can be found at http://www.ncpublicschools.org/sbe_meetings/0802/tcp/0802tcp01.pdf
2. Approved a lateral entry clarification policy that allows individuals who do not fulfill the requirements of their lateral entry license within the three years they are initially given, to be issued another lateral entry license provided they have passed the Praxis II test requirements and three years have elapsed since the deadline of their first lateral entry license.
3. Received an update on the status of teachers being highly qualified in North Carolina, based on the requirements of the ESEA NCLB Act. In 2004, 84 percent of the teaching force were HQ and in 2007, 97.7 percent of the teaching force is HQ. LEAs need to remember that Title II funds can be used to support teachers who need assistance to become Highly Qualified. Major issues still facing some LEAs is that administrators are placing teachers out of field; therefore they are listed as not being HQ.

Leadership for Innovation



1. Approved charter renewals for the following; Dillard a three-year renewal, and Kennedy a five-year renewal. Most charter schools receive a ten year renewal. These two schools have some academic issues and the SBE wants to proceed with caution as these schools work through some issues.
2. Received as information an audit report on Charter Schools and non-compliance issues regarding licensure. The findings of the audit showed 11 charter schools out of compliance with the percent of licensed teachers on staff. As of February 1, 2008, only two charter schools are out of compliance and the issues are being addressed.
3. Received an update on the 1:1 Laptop Initiative funded by SAS and the Golden Leaf Foundation. The following schools are participating in professional development as the schools gear up for students using laptops: • Davidson Early College High School • Edgecombe Early College High School • Sand Hoke Early College High School • Macon Early College High School • Nash Rocky Mount Early College High School • Rutherford Early College High School • Wayne Early College High School • Wilson County/Hunt High School
4. Received an update on the NCVPS by Bryan Setser the new director. The NCVPS is having a positive impact on student achievement. The GPA for most students taking a virtual course is 2.83 with 38 percent of the students making an A or B or a core course this past fall.

Other News

1. SBE member Shirley Harris shared how the NC Teacher Academy Literacy Coaches are moving Mary Easley's Media Literacy Campaign out into schools. The Media Literacy Campaign is geared toward helping students make better decisions based on what they see on TV and/or hear in advertisements regarding alcohol or tobacco.
2. Received as information, an update on the **Kids Voting USA**. There are new tools to support teachers as they implement citizenship, elections and voting, and democracy in action as we approach an election year. To order a Kids Voting CD ROM or to bring the Kids Voting Project to your LEA, contact Daintry O'Brien at daintry@bellsouth.net or www.kidsvotingnc.org