

SBE Review

August 5 - 7, 2008 Meeting

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... read about the ABC Bonus pay, and the new writing assessment for grades 4 and 7!.

At the regular monthly meeting in Raleigh, the SBE:

**Globally
Competitive
Students**

1. Approved the AYP results for high schools, AYP math results for grades 3-8 and ABC Growth results for grades 3-8 in math and the high schools based on EOC tests. Reading scores will not be part of the ABCs growth model this year, but will be used for AYP; with scores coming out in November. The good news for the ABCs Growth this year includes; 55.5 percent of the schools meeting high growth and 26.8 percent of the schools reaching expected growth. Overall 82% of the schools met their goals, which is a 10% increase over last year's results. The AYP results, with the all or nothing caveat; 38.8% of all schools met AYP and 61.2% of the schools missed one or more targets. The school by school results can be found at <http://abc.ncpublicschools.org>.

The ABCs incentive award amounts will be different this year. This year HB2436 created a mandated cap for ABC Incentive Bonus Awards. The SBE had a limit to this program based on an average over the last eleven years, which came out to \$94 million. In the past if there was not enough funds to cover the ABC Incentive Awards, the SBE was able to use reserve funds. This year the SBE was NOT ALLOWED to use any extra funds; therefore the amounts that will be distributed are less than the past awards.



Exceeded Projected Growth: Certified Staff \$1,053 and Teacher Assistants \$351

Met Growth: Certified Staff \$ 527 and Teacher Assistants \$263

Funds will be sent to the each LEA in August and are to be distributed within 60 days.

2. Approved the new writing assessment for grades 4 and 7, which includes the following: *Vera you will need to type in Option 1 and note that the pilot part is the electronic aspect for 10 LEAs.*

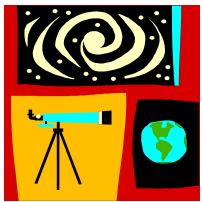
**Business,
Finance and
Advocacy**



1. Approved the following grants
2. Approved the Special provisions budget items....
3. Approved the following Innovative Education Initiatives Act:
4. Approved the ABCs award formula change, see above for amounts. SBE member Shirley Harris voted no, while other SBE members voiced their frustration of having their hands tied and not being allowed to provide the full amounts as they have done in the past.
5. Approved the flexible use of mentor funding....

**21st Century
Systems**

21st Century Professionals



1. Discussed the proposed policies for the new teacher evaluation process/protocol.
2. Discussed the new form and format for Individual Growth Plans (IGP) for teachers. The INTASC Standards will not be used as the new McREL evaluation tool and NC PTSC standards are phased in over the state. Instead of the INTASC Standards, teachers will use the following five standards: Teachers demonstrate leadership, Teachers establish a respectful environment for a diverse population, Teachers know the content they teach, Teachers facilitate learning for their students and Teachers reflect on their practice. **Anything else, Vera?**

Leadership for Innovation



1. Received as information a year end report on the NC Virtual Public School. Total enrollment over the last two years is 25,565 students. Some of the academic highlights include: 45 of the 52 courses had students scoring above 70%. Not all courses taken were for credit recovery. The NCVPS Board is recommending the following to strengthen the programs:
 - Standardize student preparation activities prior to course start-up's (e.g., orientations). Ensure DLAs are aware of role responsibilities.
 - Teacher professional development should emphasize how to teach in an online environment. Summer sessions in subject-specific cohorts requested.
 - Allocate additional time and resources to the technical preparation of students taking NCVPS courses.
 - Continue to improve course designs, assignments, and teaching methods to improve the perception of NCVPS courses compared to face-to-face.
 - Investigate procedures and tools that will make communication between and across stakeholder groups more standardized and efficient.
 - Train teachers and DLAs to set expectations for their roles and standardize the level of communication expected of them with repercussions if high quality expectations are not met.
 - Explore the potential benefits of public-private partnerships with NCVPS.

Other News



Welcomed the new NC Teacher of the Year, **NCAE member Cindi Rigsbee**, who will be an advisor to the SBE for two years. Also welcomed the Principal of the year from Kannapolis High School, Mrs. Morris.

Recognized the up coming retirement of Dr. Wandra Polk, who has been the Director of Secondary Education and a friend to public schools.

Announced that **September 7-13, 2008** will be Graduation Awareness Week. Each middle school should receive a DVD entitled InsideOut to show all staff and students.

USDE Secretary Spellings, has granted NC permission to reverse the services provided to Title I Schools when in School of Improvement Stage based on AYP. Schools will be allowed to offer Supplemental Services before allowing students a choice to change schools. Under ESEA NCLB choice is the first option and supplemental service providers was the next step. Under the flexible change; schools in year two of School Improvement would offer both SES and public school choice to eligible students enrolled in the school.

