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The State Board of Education (SBE) met April 1-2. The pages that follow summarize the Board's actions for this month.

GRADUATION PROJECT REQUIREMENT DELAYED BY ONE YEAR

The State Board of Education (SBE) approved a one-year delay to The North Carolina Graduation Project requirement for high school students. The decision is intended to head off passage of House Bill 223 and Senate Bill 722, which have been introduced in the General Assembly to remove the high school graduation project as a requirement for graduation.

State Board of Education Chairman and CEO Bill Harrison said Thursday that the delay should not be determined as an abandonment of the North Carolina Graduation Project, but the acknowledgement that there is a need to bring clarity around the Project.

"Many schools and districts across North Carolina have had a graduation project in some form or fashion for a decade or more. By giving the entire state more time to implement The North Carolina Graduation Project, we can ensure its success in every school and community," said Harrison in a statement released by DPI.

Thursday's action means that the Graduation Project will become a high school graduation requirement for the first time with students who first entered ninth grade in 2007-08 (Class of 2010-11).

To follow the status of House Bill 223 and Senate Bill 722 and other bills affecting public schools visit NCASA's bill tracking page at:

<http://www.ncasa.net/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=227>.

ACTION ITEMS

Action was taken on the following items:

BUSINESS/FINANCE AND ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

Action on First Reading

TCS 1 Approval of Grant—Mathematics and Science Partnership Grant

- Recommendations: It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the grant.
APPROVED
- http://www.ncpublicschools.org/sbe_meetings/0904/tcs/04tcs01.pdf

GLOBALLY COMPETITIVE STUDENTS

Action

GCS 1 2009 Invitation to Submit Textbooks for Evaluation and Adoption in North Carolina

- Recommendations: The Department requests that the Board approve the 2009 Invitation to Submit Textbooks for Evaluation and Adoption in North Carolina for the curriculum as presented. **APPROVED**
- http://www.ncpublicschools.org/sbe_meetings/0904/gcs/04gcs01.pdf

GCS 2 Allowing Retest Results in the Calculation of Performance Composites of the ABCs and AYP

- Recommendations: It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the new retesting policy, the amendments to HSP (GCS)-A-004 and HSP-N-003, and delete HSP-N-005. The APA process should be initiated for the new policy, HSP-N-003, and HSP-N-005. **APPROVED**
- http://www.ncpublicschools.org/sbe_meetings/0904/gcs/04gcs02.pdf

The Globally Competitive Students committee also endorsed a DPI staff recommendation to allow for high schools to not be required to retest in the five EOCs this spring. The committee will send LEAs a letter with more information regarding the approval to waive this policy.

GCS 3 Changes to Policy Delineating the Components of the ABCs Accountability Program Including Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for 2008-09 School Year

- Recommendations: It is recommended the Board approve the changes to the HSP-C-020 policy for the 2008-09 school year. On March 2, 2009, Superintendent Atkinson sent a letter to Secretary Duncan asking the USED to reconsider its original stipulations; the USED denied the request, making these changes necessary. **APPROVED**
- http://www.ncpublicschools.org/sbe_meetings/0904/gcs/04gcs03.pdf

Action on First Reading

GCS 4 Changes to NC's NCLB Consolidated State Application Accountability Workbook

- Recommendations: It is recommended that the Board approve the revisions to the North Carolina Accountability Workbook. North Carolina is still awaiting a letter from the USED outlining the changes the State Board of Education can make to the State's Accountability Workbook. The committee will meet by conference call if the information is received before the May SBE meeting. **NO ACTION TAKEN**
- http://www.ncpublicschools.org/sbe_meetings/0904/gcs/04gcs04.pdf

GCS 5 State Board Policy Language Update

- Recommendations: It is recommended that the State Board approve the revision of language in HSP-H-001 and HSP-H-007. **APPROVED**
- http://www.ncpublicschools.org/sbe_meetings/0904/gcs/04gcs05.pdf

21st CENTURY PROFESSIONALS COMMITTEE

Action

TCP 1 Proposed Revisions to the Eligibility Requirements for Provisional Licenses in School Counseling and School Social Work

- Recommendations: It is recommended that the proposed revisions to the eligibility for provisional licensing in school counseling and social work be approved by the State Board of Education with an effective date of July 1, 2009. **APPROVED**
- http://www.ncpublicschools.org/sbe_meetings/0904/tcp/04tcp01.pdf

LEADERSHIP FOR INNOVATION COMMITTEE

Action on First Reading

LFI 1 Approval of LEAs and Charter Schools Technology Plans

- Recommendations: It is recommended that the SBE approve these technology plans. **APPROVED**
- http://www.ncpublicschools.org/sbe_meetings/0904/lfi/04lfi01.pdf

LFI 2 School-Based Calendar Waivers for Educational Purposes

- Recommendations: The State Board of Education is requested to review and approve the following calendar waivers for educational purposes recommendations. **APPROVED**
- http://www.ncpublicschools.org/sbe_meetings/0904/lfi/04lfi02.pdf

LFI 3 Program Approval Exemption Requests Under the Innovative Education Initiatives Act

- Recommendations: It is recommended that the SBE approve the recommendations for exemptions under the Innovative Education Initiatives Act as presented. **APPROVED**
- http://www.ncpublicschools.org/sbe_meetings/0904/lfi/04lfi03.pdf

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