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The State Board of Education (SBE) met January 7-8, 2009. The pages that follow summarize the Board's actions for this month.

BOARD APPROVES RETEST PROPOSAL

The State Board of Education (SBE) on Thursday approved a proposal supported by the NC Association of School Administrators (NCASA) for allowing retest results in the calculation of performance composites of the ABCs for Public Education, and in Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) calculations under No Child Left Behind. The Board voted to allow the first retest given in grades 3-8 to count for the student and the school in the 2008-09 school year and have the first retest given in all 10 end of course exams to count for the student and the school beginning with the 2009-2010 school year.

NCASA Executive Director Bill McNeal addressed the Board's Globally Competitive Students (GCS) Committee Wednesday to express NCASA's support of the proposed option for retesting in grades 3-8 and all 10 EOCs. He emphasized that this proposal has been endorsed by the NCASA Board of Directors, the Executive Board of the NC School Superintendents' Association (NCSSA), the Board of Directors of the NC Principal and Assistant Principals' Association (NCPAPA) and also had support from a large majority of superintendents.

McNeal emphasized the benefit to the student as the most important factor to consider. "If we believe in what's best for children and believe that not all children learn the same way on the same day—if a child doesn't know the answer on Monday but does know it on Friday—shouldn't the benefit be to that child?" McNeal asked. "And by the same token, shouldn't the child's school also get credit for that student's success?"

Students who pass retests benefit from doing well, McNeal said, adding that the schools and districts also gain from improving academic performance.

NCASA thanks all superintendents and other NCASA members who have contacted State Board members prior to this week's meeting to share the benefits this decision will have for students and schools in their districts. It was your collective voice that ultimately was heard and is a great example of the positive changes that can occur when our members work together. NCASA also encourages our members to thank the State Board for listening on this important issue.

ACTION ITEMS

Action was taken on the following items:

BUSINESS/FINANCE AND ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

Action

Motion to adopt option II approved TCS 1 - More at Four Funding Rates

http://www.ncpublicschools.org/sbe_meetings/0901/tcs/01tcs01.pdf

Approved TCS 2 - North Carolina Virtual Public School (NCVPS) Advisory Board

Nominations

http://www.ncpublicschools.org/sbe_meetings/0901/tcs/01tcs02.pdf

Action on First Reading

Approved TCS 3 - Approval of Grant

http://www.ncpublicschools.org/sbe_meetings/0901/tcs/01tcs03.pdf

Approved (moved to action on first reading) TCS 4 - Appointment of Individuals to the State Evaluation Committee on Teacher Education

http://www.ncpublicschools.org/sbe_meetings/0901/tcs/01tcs04.pdf

HEALTHY, RESPONSIBLE STUDENTS

Action on First Reading

Approved HRS 1 - Report on Gang Prevention and Intervention

http://www.ncpublicschools.org/sbe_meetings/0901/hrs/01hrs01.pdf

Approved (moved to action on first reading) HRS 2 - School At Risk of Being Labeled a Persistently Dangerous School

http://www.ncpublicschools.org/sbe_meetings/0901/hrs/01hrs02.pdf

GLOBALY COMPETITIVE STUDENTS

Action

Approved GCS 1 - Allowing Retest Results in the Calculation of Performance Composites of the ABCs and AYP

http://www.ncpublicschools.org/sbe_meetings/0901/gcs/01gcs01.pdf

Action on First Reading

Approved GCS 2 - Changes to the 2007-08 ABCs/AYP Results

http://www.ncpublicschools.org/sbe_meetings/0901/gcs/01gcs02.pdf

Approved GCS 3 - Report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee: Implementation of the ABCs and Statewide Consolidated Assistance Program

http://www.ncpublicschools.org/sbe_meetings/0901/gcs/01gcs03.pdf

21st CENTURY PROFESSIONALS COMMITTEE

Action

Approved TCP 1 - Revised Teacher Education Specialty Area Standards

http://www.ncpublicschools.org/sbe_meetings/0901/tcp/01tcp01.pdf

Action on First Reading

Approved TCP 2 - Final Decision in Contested Cases, David Cox vs. DPI & Beulah Bolton vs. DPI (discussed in closed session)

http://www.ncpublicschools.org/sbe_meetings/0901/tcp/01tcp02.pdf

LEADERSHIP FOR INNOVATION COMMITTEE

Action

Approved LFI 1 - Enrollment Increase Requests Above 10% and Charter School Grade Expansion

http://www.ncpublicschools.org/sbe_meetings/0901/lfi/01lfi01.pdf

Action on First Reading

Approved LFI 2 - 2006-2007 LEA Technology Plan Monitoring Visits

http://www.ncpublicschools.org/sbe_meetings/0901/lfi/01lfi02.pdf

Approved LFI 3 - NC 1:1 Learning Initiative Pilot Expansion

http://www.ncpublicschools.org/sbe_meetings/0901/lfi/01lfi03.pdf

Approved (moved to action on first reading) LFI 5 - Children's Community School and Community Partners Charter High School Name Change Request

http://www.ncpublicschools.org/sbe_meetings/0901/lfi/01lfi05.pdf

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