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IOWA BRAILLE AND SIGHT SAVING SCHOOL LEGISLATIVE STUDY MEMBERSHIP

Action Requested: Consider approval of the appointment of proposed members to the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School Legislative Study.

Executive Summary: The 2010 Iowa Legislature (SF 2385) directed the Board of Regents to study the residential component of the Statewide System for Vision Services. "The state Board of Regents shall conduct a study to examine possible changes to and make recommendations regarding the current structure for providing residential services on the campus of the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School and to make recommendations regarding appropriate facilities and facility utilization. The study shall also examine potential partnerships with other state agencies as well as private providers of residential services."

The legislation also indicated that the study committee should include representatives of the following groups:

- ◇ Parents of students who are blind or visually impaired.
- ◇ Constituent organizations for the blind or visually impaired.
- ◇ The department of education.
- ◇ The department for the blind.
- ◇ The department of human services.
- ◇ Area education agencies.
- ◇ School boards and school board administrators.
- ◇ The governor's developmental disabilities council.
- ◇ Administration of the statewide system for vision services.
- ◇ Administration of the Iowa school for the deaf.

The Board of Regents must submit a report of the study to the legislative council by August 31, 2010.

Attached is the proposed membership for the study committee.

PROPOSED MEMBER	REPRESENTATION
Michael Barber	President - National Federation for the Blind of Iowa
Shelly Bosovich	Special Education Director – Des Moines School District
Jon and Angela Buck	Parents of a student with vision needs
Maria Cashman	Special Education Director – Grant Wood AEA
James and Dana Cheek	Parents of a student with vision needs
Patrick Clancy	Superintendent – Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School
Sr. Jude Fitzpatrick	Member - State Board of Education
Diana Gonzalez	Board of Regents - Chief Academic Officer
Glenn Grove	Chief Administrator – AEA 13
Mary Jo Hainstock	Superintendent - Vinton-Shellsburg School District
Roger Hoffmann	Center for Disabilities and Development – Program Associate
Marty Ikeda	Iowa Department of Education – Administrative Consultant
Kay Jahnel	Regional Director – Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School
Karen Keninger	Director – Iowa Department for the Blind
Lana Michelson	Bureau Chief – Iowa Department of Education
Jeanne Nesbit	Administrator – Iowa Department of Human Services
Jeanne Prickett	Superintendent – Iowa School for the Deaf
Becky Harker	Executive Director – Governor’s Developmental Disabilities Council
Mary Richard	Attorney representing parents of students with special needs
Robert Spangler	President – Iowa Council for the United Blind
Curtis Sytsma	Attorney representing parents of students with special needs
Rose Vasquez	Member – Board of Regents, State of Iowa
Paula Vincent	Superintendent – Clear Creek Amana School District; appointed AEA Chief Administrator
Gwen Woodward	Regional Director – Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School
	School Board Member
Shirley Kelly	Facilitator