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FACULTY PRESENTATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA:
"IOWA TEACHER QUALITY PARTNERSHIP GRANT"

Action Requested: Receive the presentation.

Executive Summary: Dr. Nadene Davidson and Dr. Mary Herring will describe the Iowa Teacher Quality Partnership Grant funded by the U.S. Department of Education. The purpose of the project is to increase P-12 student achievement by developing more effective teachers for high need rural schools. The project has three goals:

- ◆ Goal 1. Define and integrate emerging attributes of effective teaching into in-service and pre-service programs.
- ◆ Goal 2. Integrate attributes of effective teaching into pre-service.
- ◆ Goal 3. Integrate attributes of effective teaching into in-service.

UNI is working in collaboration with the Iowa Department of Education and Stanford University. UNI's rural partners include (1) CAL Community School District in Latimer; (2) HLV Community School District in Victor; (3) Midland Community School District in Wyoming; (4) Springville Community School District in Springville; and (5) West Fork Community School District in Sheffield/Rockwell.

Dr. Davidson received a doctoral degree from UNI in 2007 and currently serves as the Interim Head of the Teaching Department. Her research interests include performance assessment, educational transformation, and P-20 systems and transitions; her areas of expertise include the Iowa Core Curriculum and high school reform. Dr. Herring received a doctoral degree from Iowa State University in 1997 and currently serves as the associate dean of the College of Education at UNI. Her research interests include distance education and teacher effectiveness; her areas of expertise include instructional technology and curriculum development.