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## ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE 7 FEBRUARY 22-23, 2017

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## **UPDATE ON NORTHEAST REGIONAL ACADEMY**

<u>Action Requested</u>: Receive the presentation.

<u>Executive Summary</u>: Superintendent Steve Gettel and Regional Director Jay Colsch will provide an update on the implementation of the Northeast Regional Academy (NERA) pilot project in the Charles City Community School District.

The Leadership Team for Deaf and Blind continues to meet to address major issues related to activities outlined in the planning tool adopted in August 2014. The NERA Planning Committee has responsibility for the majority of tasks related to establishing the Academy. Efforts are focused on interagency agreement approvals, development of a leadership team, identification of students requiring instructional services, staff recruitment, building relationships with stakeholders (including parents, local school district administrators/staff, administrators/staff from AEA 267 and Keystone AEA), and obtaining funding to support the NERA.

The Academy has identified three goals:

- ⇒ Raise reading and math proficiencies.
- ⇒ Increase access to the Expanded Core Curriculum.
- ⇒ Increase extended learning activities.