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**UPDATE ON COLLABORATION WITH IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGES**

Iowa's community colleges and public universities have had long-term partnerships which assist and support the transition of students from the community colleges to the universities and which lead to increased opportunities for Iowa students. There are eight statewide agreements that provide direction regarding the transfer of students. In addition, more than 1,000 program articulation agreements have been developed by the respective faculties.

Dr. Valerie Newhouse, President of Iowa Lakes Community College will speak about the opportunities and challenges offered by our partnerships. Ms. MJ Dolan, Executive Director of the Iowa Association of Community College Trustees, will address the work required to bring about a statewide agreement which will allow all Iowa postsecondary institutions to participate in the National Council of Statewide Authorization Reciprocity Agreements.