

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Board of Regents  
**From:** Board Office  
**Subject:** Approval of Special Assignment for Superintendent  
**Date:** December 4, 2000

**Recommended Actions:**

1. Approve the special assignment of Superintendent Thurman for the period of April 7 to May 25, 2001.
2. Approve the designation of Michael Hooley, Director of Education, as acting superintendent for the period of April 7 to May 25, 2001.

**Executive Summary:**

In accordance with Section 4.36 of the Board of Regents *Procedural Guide*, Superintendent Dennis Thurman is requesting special assignment with full pay and benefits for the purpose of professional development for the period of April 7 through May 25, 2001. There will be no other cost to the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School.


The *Procedural Guide* states that the Board may approve a special assignment for an institutional head who has served in that capacity for at least five years. The assignment may be for the purpose of advanced study, research, for creative work and other worthwhile projects. Superintendent Thurman assumed the duties of superintendent on June 15, 1987, and has had no other professional development leaves.

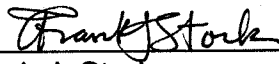
Superintendent Thurman will spend time in the United Kingdom visiting other schools for the blind. He will present in-service programs at the West of England School for Children with Little or No Sight and at New College in Worcester. He will also visit schools for the blind with strong academic programs.

In addition Superintendent Thurman will begin work on an article for publication concerning the programs of the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School.

During the absence of Superintendent Thurman it is requested that Michael Hooley, Director of Education, serve as Acting Superintendent.

Approval of the special assignment and the designation of Acting Superintendent is recommended.

  
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Marcia R. Brunson

Approved:   
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Frank J. Stork