

Iowa State Board of Education

Executive Summary

February 12, 2026

Agenda Item:	Introduction of the 2026 Iowa Teacher of the Year
State Board Goal(s):	Goal 3
State Board Role/Authority:	The State Board supports access to excellent educational opportunities for all students in Iowa.
Presenter(s):	Stephanie Pritts, 2026 Iowa Teacher of the Year Stefanie Wager, Administrative Consultant Bureau of Academics and Learner Supports
Attachment(s):	None
Recommendation:	It is recommended that the State Board hear and discuss this information.
Background:	The Iowa Teacher of the Year Award was established in 1958 and is sponsored by the Iowa Department of Education through an appropriation from the Iowa legislature. The Teacher of the Year award recognizes exceptional teachers who demonstrate excellence in the classroom and who have made a significant impact on student outcomes and their fellow educators.