

Iowa State Board of Education

Executive Summary

June 18, 2026

Agenda Item: Student Board Representative

State Board Goal(s): All Goals

State Board Role/Authority: The State Board promotes effective and educational opportunities for all students in Iowa.

Presenter(s): President Robbins
State Board of Education

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Attachment(s): None

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board hear and discuss the possibility of an alternating high school and community college student member for the State Board of Education.

Background: Iowa Code section 256.5A limits the nonvoting student board member to a public high school student and any changes to that role would require legislative action. As an interim option within current State Board authority, appointing students to other relevant State Board committees would provide broader student voice and practical experience to inform future policy discussions.