Computer Science Work Group

March 9, 2021, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Purpose

The work group, created by House File 2629, the most recent Future Ready Iowa bill, has two charges: (1) Develop recommendations to strengthen computer science instruction, and (2) design a campaign promoting computer science to students and parents. Recommendations are due to the General Assembly by July 1, 2021.

Agenda

Time	Topic	Presenter
3:30	Roll Call	Wren Hoffman, Department of Education, Computer Science Consultant
3:33	Opening Remarks and Questions	Kathy Kay, Principal Financial, Senior Vice President and CIO
3:45	Subcommittee refined lists of narrowed, consensus high-impact draft recommendations, including questions, suggestions, and advice:* • CS Education Policy, Joe Stutting, chair • CS Educator Support, Ben Schafer, chair • CS Education for the Underserved, Kyle Rector, chair • CS Education Work-Based Learning, Beth Townsend, chair • CS Education Promotion, Joe Murphy, chair • CS Education Youth Programming, Doug Jacobson, chair	Facilitated by Wren Hoffman
4:45	External expertise needed to vet recommendations? Summation, highlights, and next steps	Jeff Weld, Governor's STEM Advisory Council, Executive Director

*Presenters will include in their presentations how their recommendations:

- Build upon and integrate with current rules, regulations and policies that govern Computer Science education in Iowa;

- Have a firm basis in research or known best practices in Iowa or elsewhere (while not ruling out novel and imaginative recommendations);
- Do not necessarily require significant new dollars, though may certainly involve modest new funding;
- Do not necessarily require new state staffing, though may certainly involve redistribution of responsibilities for current staff at agencies or within initiatives.

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