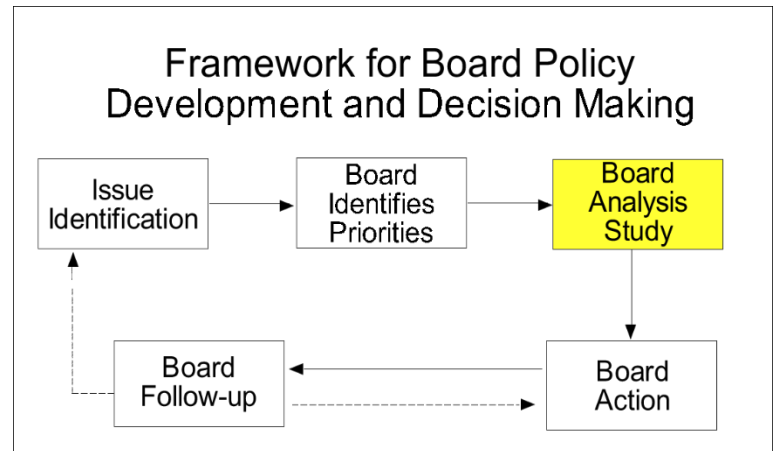


Iowa State Board of Education

Executive Summary

January 11, 2024



Agenda Item:

Annual Report on Citations and Corrections

State Board Priority:

Eliminating Achievement and Opportunity Gaps
Improving Teacher and Leader Preparation

State Board Role/Authority:

Iowa Code section 256.11 (10)(a)(3) directs the Iowa Department of Education to provide a public report annually of findings of noncompliance and required corrective actions for each accredited school and school district. Iowa Code section 256.11 (10)(a)(4) directs the Department to provide a written report annually to the State Board of any monitoring review resulting in multiple or substantial findings of noncompliance or noncompliance findings that remain uncorrected for more than thirty days past the deadline set by the Department for correction.

Presenter(s):

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Attachment(s):

One

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the State Board hear and discuss the information.

Background:

The Department annually monitors all state accredited districts and nonpublic schools through a variety of monitoring methods. Findings from the 2022-2023 monitoring reviews will be shared.



Uncorrected Noncompliance Items 2022-2023 School Year

Two school districts are noncompliant under Iowa Code section 256.11(10)(a)(4). This code section states,

“The department shall provide a written report annually to the state board of any monitoring review resulting in multiple or substantial findings of noncompliance or noncompliance findings that remain uncorrected for more than thirty days past the deadline set by the department for correction.”

The districts that were not able to correct the noncompliance items included:

1. Janesville Community School District (CSD) was short one unit of mathematics in grades 9-12. The school district is reviewing its current mathematics courses and sharing opportunities.
2. BCLUW CSD was not able to hire a certified librarian. The district reached out to neighboring school districts to inquire about sharing their librarian but were not successful. The school district has updated its advertisements for the position to encourage those that may have worked as a public/community librarian to apply.

The Department will continue to work with these districts.