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PROGRESS REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMITTEE ON RESIDENTIAL SERVICES ON THE CAMPUS OF THE IOWA BRAILLE AND SIGHT SAVING SCHOOL

Action Requested: Receive an oral progress report from Superintendent Patrick Clancy.

Executive Summary: The 2010 Iowa Legislature (SF 2385) directed the Board of Regents to “conduct a study to examine possible changes to and make recommendations regarding the current structure for providing residential services on the campus of the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School and to make recommendations regarding appropriate facilities and facility utilization. The study shall also examine potential partnerships with other state agencies as well as private providers of residential services.” The Board of Regents must submit a report of the study to the legislative council by August 31, 2010.

The following are members of the study committee:

- Michael Barber (President – National Federation for the Blind of Iowa)
- Shelly Bosovich (Special Education Director – Des Moines School District)
- Jon and Angela Buck (Parents of a student with vision needs)
- Maria Cashman (Special Education Director - Grant Wood AEA)
- James and Dana Cheek (Parents of a student with vision needs)
- Patrick Clancy (Superintendent – Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School)
- Sr. Jude Fitzpatrick (Member – State Board of Education)
- Sue Gates (School Board Member – Vinton-Shellsburg School District)
- Diana Gonzalez (Chief Academic Officer – Board of Regents)
- Glenn Grove (Chief Administrator – AEA 13)
- Mary Jo Hainstock (Superintendent – Vinton-Shellsburg School District)
- Roger Hoffmann (Program Associate – Center for Disabilities and Development)
- Marty Ikeda (Administrative Consultant – Iowa Department of Education)
- Kay Jahnel (Regional Director – Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School)
- Karen Keninger (Director – Iowa Department for the Blind)
- Lana Michelson (Bureau Chief – Iowa Department of Education)
- Jeanne Nesbit (Administrator – Iowa Department of Human Services)
- Jeanne Prickett (Superintendent – Iowa School for the Deaf)
- Becky Harker (Executive Director – Governor’s Developmental Disabilities Council)
- Mary Richard (Attorney representing parents of students with special needs)
- Robert Spangler (President – Iowa Council for the United Blind)
- Curtis Sytsma (Attorney representing parents of students with special needs)
- Rose Vasquez (Member – Board of Regents, State of Iowa)
- Paula Vincent (Superintendent – Clear Creek Amana School District; appointed Heartland AEA Chief Administrator)
- Gwen Woodward (Regional Director – Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School)
- Shirley Kelly (Facilitator)