

**MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM:****May 2014**

## REPORT ON ACT WORKKEYS®

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

Section 160.400, RSMo

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## DEPARTMENT GOAL NO. 1:

All Missouri students will graduate college and career ready.

## SUMMARY:

During the development of the MSIP 5 Standards, (Performance, Resource and Process), the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (Department) was guided by a set of goals adopted by the State Board of Education. In support of the Department's goal that all students graduate ready for college and career, the Department has announced ACT WorkKeys® as an additional academic measure that districts and charter schools can use to gauge students' proficiency as they graduate from high school. The data will be incorporated in the **2015 Annual Performance Report**. This assessment is focused on the practical application of literacy, mathematics, and the ability to access information efficiently.

Reading for information, applying mathematical calculation and problem solving, and locating information are skills employers say are critical to job success. Use of the assessment can help students identify their current career skills as well as identify areas that need improvement as they plan for their future. Students who succeed on the assessment qualify for ACT's National Career Readiness Certificate.

ACT WorkKeys® is a component of Missouri's **Certified Work Ready Communities (CWRC)** initiative. The state was one of seven in the country chosen to participate in CWRC. The initiative is a voluntary effort guided by community leaders to align workforce and education to meet the economic needs of the state and local communities.

## PRESENTER(S):

Dr. Sharon Helwig, Assistant Commissioner, Office of College and Career Readiness, will facilitate discussion of this item.