

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM:**December 2014****REPORT ON MISSOURI'S EQUITY PLAN UPDATE****STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

Section 161.092, RSMo

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Item**DEPARTMENT GOAL NO. 3:**

Missouri will prepare, develop, and support effective educators.

SUMMARY:

In a July 2014 letter from Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, the U.S. Department of Education asked each state education agency to submit a plan that describes the steps it will take to ensure that “poor and minority children are not taught at higher rates than other children by inexperienced, unqualified, or out-of-field teachers” as required by section 1111 (b)(8)(C) of the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act* of 1965 (ESEA).

In October, a team from Missouri was invited to attend a special convening entitled *Moving Towards More Equitable Access to Effective Teachers*. The meeting was hosted by the U.S. Department of Education and the Reform Support Network. Also included were the states of Kentucky, New Jersey, New York, Tennessee, the Dallas Independent School District and the Ohio Appalachian Collaborative. The purpose of the convening was to work collaboratively with a select number of states and districts who would then serve as models to other states. Additionally, these initial states and districts gathered to assist the U.S. Department of Education and their research partners in designing technical assistance and support to be provided throughout the submission process.

This report item will provide a general overview of the components included in an equity plan and Missouri’s timeline for development and submission.

PRESENTER(S):

Paul Katnik, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Educator Quality, will assist with the presentation and discussion of this agenda item.