

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM:**February 2016****REPORT ON NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO PURSUE GRANT OPPORTUNITY****STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

Sections 160.514 and 161.092, RSMo

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Item**DEPARTMENT GOAL NO. 1:**

All Missouri students will graduate college and career ready.

SUMMARY:

Economic success is increasingly out of reach for millions of young people who either have not graduated from high school, or have graduated but do not have the skills required to successfully enter meaningful workforce opportunities. To address this opportunity gap, the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) in partnership with the National Association of State Directors of Career Technical Education Consortium (NASDCTEc) and the Education Strategy Group (ESG) will launch an ambitious new initiative known as *New Skills for Youth (NSFY)*, with generous support of JPMorgan Chase & Co.

The NSFY has two overarching goals:

1. To dramatically increase the number of students in the U.S. who successfully complete career pathways that begin in secondary school and culminate in postsecondary degrees and/or industry credentials with labor market value; and
2. To catalyze transformational approaches to the design and delivery of programs and policies to increase students' career-readiness in a cohort of leading states and disseminate lessons learned to the rest of the country.

More specifically, priority for grant awards will be given to states that clearly demonstrate the commitment and capacity to:

- Establish employer-driven processes, informed by real-time and other labor market data, to determine high-skill, high-demand industry sectors with which career pathways and related programs will be aligned.
- Use policy and funding levers to improve the quality and rigor of career pathways - and make those pathways widely available to and accessed by all students in all secondary settings, especially in underserved populations.
- Incorporate robust career-focused indicators into state accountability systems.
- Work with local districts and postsecondary education providers to create, strengthen, and scale career pathways that span secondary and postsecondary education systems.
- Reorganize and intentionally align state and federal funding streams from education, workforce development, and economic development sources to effectively deliver career-focused programs to all students.
- Foster greater collaboration between K-12 and postsecondary institutions.

PRESENTER:

Blaine Henningsen, Assistant Commissioner, Office of College and Career Readiness, will assist with the presentation and discussion of this agenda item.