

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Title: International Tests

Type of Executive Summary:

- Action
- Action on First Reading
- Discussion
- Information

Policy Implications:

- Constitution _____
- General Statute # _____
- SBE Policy # _____
- SBE Policy Amendment
- SBE Policy (New)
- APA # _____
- APA Amendment
- APA (New)
- Other _____

Presenter(s): Mr. J. B. Buxton (Deputy State Superintendent) and Mr. Dane Linn (Director, Education Division, National Governors Association)

Description:

Several months ago, three of the nation's leading education policy organizations united to ensure American students in every state are receiving a world-class education. The National Governors Association (NGA), Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) and Achieve, Inc. joined together to provide states a roadmap for benchmarking their K-12 education systems to those of top-performing nations. On December 19, 2008, these organizations released their report on state strategies for international benchmarking. Mr. Dane Linn from the NGA will present a summary of the report which will include brief descriptions of the various international assessments and action steps proposed by the three organizations.

Resources:

NGA, CCSSO and Achieve, Inc.

Input Process:

NA.

Stakeholders:

Staff of the public schools of North Carolina and the general public

Timeline For Action:

This item is being presented for Information at the January meeting.

Recommendations:

NA

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