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MISSION STATEMENT

"As Educational Leaders, we will take a prominent role advocating a dynamic quality education for each student in South Dakota." - Developed September 29, 1995

Philosophy/Belief Statement

- The South Dakota Board of Education Standards is a strong advocate for the best interest of children and youth in our state's schools ~~and post-secondary technical institutes.~~
- It is the unique role of the South Dakota Board of Education Standards to listen to, understand, and translate the concerns of a variety of stakeholders into successful education policies.
- The South Dakota Board of Education Standards has a responsibility to ensure every child an opportunity to learn from certified school staff and teachers in our state's Local Education Agencies (LEA's) ~~and post-secondary technical institutes.~~
- The South Dakota Board of Education Standards has a responsibility to set standards and expectations for the quality of education through the establishment of graduation requirements, accreditation of local schools, certification of professionals, and approval of programs offered by ~~post-secondary institutes and~~ teacher education programs.

Vision Statement

The South Dakota State Board of Education Standards will be a leader in education advocacy for each student in the state by:

- ~~Guaranteeing that students have an opportunity~~ Establishing rules or policies that ensure students have adequate opportunities to learn the skills necessary for their future, either for jobs or further education.
- Advocating professional development and teacher education programs.
- Maintaining a strong partnership between the Department of Education and the ~~State~~ Board of Education Standards.
- Setting dynamic standards, both mandatory and advisory.
- Opening pathways between all groups concerned with education.
- Proactively ~~marketing a statewide plan for the continuous improvement of K-12~~ education. ~~and post-secondary technical education.~~

The South Dakota Board of Education Standard's Leadership Role is:

- To ensure access to a system of public education for South Dakota students.
- To communicate a vision for improving public education for all South Dakota students.
- To enhance the professional development of educators through credentials, teacher training programs, and a code of ethics.
- To develop partnerships with all players/stakeholders in the community, such as the Board of Regents, Board of Technical Education, legislators, local school boards, and Parent Teacher Association.
- To identify the elements affecting the quality of education and evaluate overall student achievement trends.
- To provide leadership for education through policy and advocacy to LEA's.
- To establish education standards and rules within legislative directives.
- ~~To approve programs and agreements designed to operate a system of post-secondary technical institutes.~~