

TOPIC: STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR PARENT INVOLVEMENT IN EDUCATION ANNUAL REPORT

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I. SUMMARY

Pursuant to Senate Bill 13-193, the purpose of the report is to outline the State Advisory Council for Parent Involvement in Education's (SACPIE) progress in promoting family-school partnerships in the state and in fulfilling the duties specified in statute. The report will include a description of SACPIE's structure and membership, as well as a list of advisory duties, SACPIE's progress on the duties, and next steps.

II. BACKGROUND

SACPIE was established in 2009 and is the State Advisory Council for Parent Involvement in Education. The Colorado General Assembly found that it was in the best interests of the state to create a state advisory council for parent involvement in education that will review best practices and recommend to policy makers and educators strategies to increase parent involvement in public education, thereby helping improve the quality of public education and raise the level of students' academic achievement throughout the state.

III. STAFF ANALYSIS

Copies of the SACPIE report were delivered to the State Board of Education, and SACPIE is working to schedule a presentation of their findings to the SBE as well. Higher education plays a larger role in SACPIE this year than in the past as there is, for the first time, a higher education committee addressing the expanded requirements of SB 13-193. Dr. Kristine Greer, Ft. Lewis College, and Dr. Diane Bassett, University of Northern Colorado, were appointed to SACPIE by the Executive Director of the department. Dr. Greer chairs the higher education committee, which is charged with, in addition to other efforts: involving parents in programs to raise academic achievement, improve the persistence rate, and improve the on-time graduation rate of students enrolled in institutions of higher education; and, in consultation with the department, identify key indicators of successful parent engagement in education and use the indicators to develop recommendations for methods the Department of Higher Education may use to measure and monitor the level of parent engagement in institutions of higher education in Colorado.

IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

No recommendation, the presentation is informational only – no action items.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

C.R.S. § 22-7-304 from SB 09-090 and SB 13-193

On or before December 31, 2013, and on or before December 31 each year thereafter, the council shall report to the state board, the Colorado commission on higher education, and the education committees of the senate and the house of representatives, or any successor committees, the council's progress in promoting parent engagement in the state and in fulfilling the duties specified in this section.

ATTACHMENT A: 2013 Annual Report State Advisory Council for Parent Involvement in Education