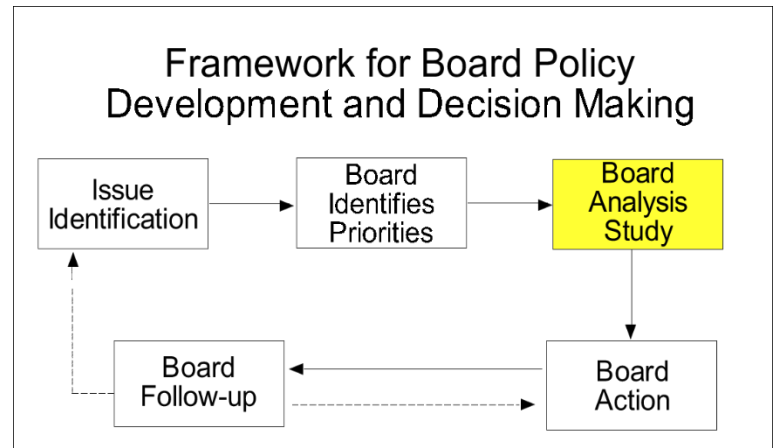


Iowa State Board of Education

Executive Summary

June 9, 2022



Agenda Item: 2020/2021 Iowa Teacher of the Year End of Year Report

State Board Priority: All

State Board Role/Authority: In addition to statutory responsibilities, the State Board provides leadership and advocacy for the system of education in Iowa. Learning from the Teacher of the Year is one way the State Board fulfills this leadership role.

Presenter(s): George Anderson, 2020/2021 Iowa Teacher of the Year
Bureau of School Improvement

Attachment(s): One

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board hear and discuss this information.

Background: The Iowa Teacher of the Year Award was established in 1958 and is sponsored by the Iowa Department of Education through an appropriation from the Iowa Legislature. The award provides an opportunity to recognize an Iowa teacher who motivates, challenges, and inspires excellence; who is respected by students and peers; who is a dedicated professional that helps nurture hidden talents and abilities; who is a creative, caring individual; and who is an exceptional teacher helping to redefine American education.

George Anderson
2020/2021 Iowa Teacher of the Years

I stand relieved of my post as IAToY after 26 months of duty. I've had the opportunity to serve my state in a broad range of operational capacities. I've had the pleasure of sharing my message of building classroom culture and relationships through equity, and protecting one's passion through mindsets and self care. I return to my original appointed place of duty at JFK in the fall ready to share what I've learned with colleagues and students in my district and community.

Tour of Duty to the State of Iowa

Department of Education Involvement

State Board of Education Equity Committee, Facilitated Student panel for the SBE, Outstanding Educators of Iowa Committee, Education Roundtable Discussions on Return to Learn, Teacher Diversity Task Force, 12 school/event visits with Director Lebo

Other organizations

Academy for Scholastic and Personal Success, I-SERVE, Soldiers to Sidelines, Marine Corps League Scholarship Committee, Alliant Energy

Higher Education Visits

Iowa State University (6), Central College (4), Briarcliffe University (3), University of Iowa, Upper Iowa College, DMACC, Simpson College, Mount Mercy University, Grand View College, Coe College, Morningside College, William Penn University, Buena Vista University

Other Speaking Visits

Green Hills AEA (2), IACTE (2), Aspiring Educators Academy, Future Teachers Education Association, ISEA Delegate Assembly, Beaman-Conrad-Liscomb-Union-Whitten High School, Kansas University History Department

Other duties

Mentoring 2022 IAToY, maintained part time teaching in the classroom, Social Studies department chair, assistant varsity football coach, and building union representative throughout this term

George Anderson
2020/2021 Iowa Teacher of the Years

Fun facts

- 2 Directors
- 3 IAToY facilitators
- 3 elementary classes read to
- 809 days as IAToY
- 9140 miles driven

Personal Development

- Seek partnerships
- Embrace Opportunities
- Operational organization

Future Endeavors

- Recruiting and program development for the Academy for Scholastic and Personal Success
- I-Jag at JFK
- Developing partnerships for CRCSD for CTE & Teacher Academy
- Continue work with OEI Committee for DE
- Continue work with I-SERVE

