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Update on Individual Plan of Study Survey Results

Two hundred sixty-nine school districts responded to the KSDE survey regarding the use of Individual Plan of Study (IPS) for students in grades eight through 12. Currently 88 percent of the districts reporting use are implementing or revising IPS for their students. Only half the districts responding reported that all high school students in their district have an IPS. Of the districts not offering IPS, reasons included: staffing limitations, funding limitations, elective offering limitations and time limitations. The State Board voted to approve submitting the following recommendation to the legislature: "The Kansas State Department of Education strongly recommends that all districts implement Individual Plans of Study for all students in grades eight through 12."

Action on Theatre Standards

The State Board voted to adopt the Kansas Curricular Standards for Theater Education presented by the KSDE Theatre Standards Committee at the December 2013 board meeting. These standards are closely aligned with the National Theatre Standards and correspond to the Kansas College and Career Ready Standards.

Recognition of Kansas Superintendent and Principals of the Year

This year's recipients:

- **Mr. Paul Erickson, Principal of Inman Elementary School, Inman USD 448**, was named the 2014 National Distinguished Principal by the Kansas Association of Elementary School Principals.
- **Mrs. Kristy Ellis, Principal of Doniphan West Middle School, Doniphan West Schools USD 111**, was named 2013-14 Principal of the Year by the Kansas Association of Middle School Administrators.
- **Mr. Scott Shelton, Principal of Emporia High School, Emporia USD 253**, was named the 2013-14 Kansas High School Principal of the Year by MetLife and the Kansas Association of Secondary School Principals.
- **Dr. Rick Doll, Superintendent of Lawrence USD 497**, was named the 2014 Kansas Superintendent of the Year by the Kansas School Superintendents Association.

February State Board Meeting

The next meeting of the State Board will be February 11-12 in Room 102 of the Landon State Office Building.