

Kansas State Board of Education November 2014

State Board of Education took action to approve the appointment of Dr. Randy Watson, superintendent of McPherson Unified School District, as the next Commissioner of Education. Watson will begin his new position on July 1, 2015.

Standards and Assessment Services at the Kansas State Department of Education presented the board with results of the state's October 28, "Break KITE Day." The Center for Educational Testing and Evaluation (CETE) in partnership with KSDE worked with schools to simulate extreme testing conditions in order to test out the bandwidth of local school buildings. The exercise provided schools and CETE the opportunity to identify issues and make adjustments in advance of the 2015 testing window, which opens March 9.

KSDE and CETE are planning to host a second Break KITE Day event in January 2015.

The state board continued its discussion of the proposed Emergency Safety Intervention (ESI) appeals process, which is intended to provide parents and eligible students an opportunity to seek an administrative review of local school boards' resolutions of complaints filed regarding the use of emergency safety interventions.

The board is scheduled to act on the ESI appeals recommendation during its December meeting.

The next meeting of the Kansas State Board of Education will be on a one-day meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 9, board room 1002 of the Landon State Office Building in Topeka.