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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** March 3, 2016

**TO:** State Board of Education

**FROM:** Brian J. Whiston, Chairman 

**SUBJECT:** Presentation on Every Student Succeeds Act

In December of 2015, President Obama signed the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), which is the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965. ESSA provides states with new flexibility in defining their systems of support, assessment and accountability while still keeping a focus on ensuring that every student is exposed to career and college ready standards, rigorous assessments, and that schools and districts are held to meaningful accountability measures and provided with research-based supports. The presentation focuses on the general aspects of the ESSA, as well as outlines general timelines and next steps.

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