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State Board of Education Statement on School Counselors

The State Board of Education has long recognized the necessity of having well prepared counselors in our public schools. They provide valuable services to students with their advice and counsel. The major problem with the delivery of these services is the inadequate number of counselors in our schools. The average counselor has a case load of 700 students, making it extremely difficult, if not impossible, to provide each student with the information needed.

The State Board has approved standards for the Education Preparatory Institutions regarding what counselors should know. They cover numerous areas, including the ability for counselors to advise students on college entrance requirements, applications, scholarships and grants information

The State Board of Education supports providing proper training, for both aspiring counselors and those already practicing, to help students apply to college and other post-secondary programs. The State Board supports legislation that enhances the college and career guidance skills of counselors through ongoing professional development and support.

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