

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION – TOPIC SUMMARY

Topic: Reimbursement for Foreign Exchange Students

Date: August 21, 2014

Staff/Office: Michael Elliott, ODE

Action Requested: Informational Only Adoption Later Adoption Adoption/Consent Agenda

ISSUE BEFORE THE BOARD: Whether an amendment to the OAR to allow districts to be paid for students attending foreign exchange programs in another country is reasonable.

BACKGROUND:

The State Board has received a request from a community member to consider the amending OAR 581-023-0250 to read as follows:

"For the purpose of calculating Average Daily Membership (ADM) used in the distribution of State School Funds, a school district may count high school students studying abroad on programs approved and paid for by the school district."

The State Board asked ODE staff to provide understanding and background to the current funding process and whether an amendment to the OAR to allow districts to be paid for students attending foreign exchange programs in another country is reasonable.