OFFICE OF INSTRUCTIONAL ENHANCEMENT AND INTERNAL OPERATIONS Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items March 20-21, 2014

OFFICE OF STUDENT ASSESSMENT

11. <u>Approval of methodology to award Technology Readiness Grants to school districts to support both online learning experiences and assessments</u>

<u>Purpose</u>: The Technology Readiness Grants will help increase local capacity to expand the use of technology in the classroom and administration of online assessments in schools. Districts should use these funds to support implementation of Literacy Initiatives and state-mandated assessment programs in grades K-10.

<u>Eligibility</u>: Each district will receive a pro-rated amount per student in grades K-10 in discretionary grant dollars. The grant amount will be based upon the approved student enrollment as of the January 2014 reporting period. Funds may be used to assist in improving the district's technology readiness. Acceptable purchases could include but not be limited to items such as servers, switches, routers, access points, computers, tablets, laptops, keyboards and headphones.

<u>Funding Source</u>: State and/or Federal funds

Basis of Awarding Grants: Discretionary

Recommendation: Approval