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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents

FROM: Dennis Thompson, Chair
State Board of Education

SUBJECT: Administrative Ruling Regarding the Uniform Grading Policy

DATE: May 18, 2012

At its May 9, 2012, meeting, the State Board of Education adopted the following administrative ruling regarding the Uniform Grading Policy:

The purpose of the uniform grading scale is to assign the point values for the final grades that students earn for any given course. The final grades students earn should reflect the districts' best understanding of students' mastery of content or completion of the work for the course any student attempts.

The uniform grading policy provides clarity in how the grades students earn will be used to calculate students' GPAs. The uniform grading policy should not be interpreted by school districts as changing or modifying district grading practices.