

**State Board of Education
November 15, 2011
Item J**

Team: Integrated Support for Learning: High School - Adult

Discussion Topic: Strategic Plan Implementation: *Pathways to Prosperity Project*

Alignment with Goals:

Goal 3 – Instructional Practices and Environments

Goal 4 – PreK-16 Partnerships

Background Information:

The *Pathways to Prosperity* report was released by the Harvard Graduate School of Education in February 2011. The focus of the report is to provide a discussion of the achievement gap and how multiple/flexible high quality pathways in high school can lead to career readiness, aligned to priority sectors to support State/National economic development. This document informs our priority policy work in flexible pathways (work-based learning, virtual/blended strategies, dual enrollment and CTE programs of study).

Purpose of Discussion:

Fischer will provide background information on this project with respect to DOE work and in preparation for the afternoon session with Dr. William Symonds, Harvard Graduate School of Education.

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