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<u>State Board of Education</u> and <u>Commission on Higher Education</u> Host Summit on Transition from High School to College

More than 160 state education leaders and school and college officials will participate in a summit hosted by the State Board of Education and the Commission on Higher Education that will focus on ways to improve the transition from high school to college.

The joint forum by the board and commission to discuss issues of mutual concern will be held from 1 to 4 p.m., December 7 at the Rider University Student Center in Lawrenceville.

"The collaboration is an outgrowth of discussions held at the State Board's annual strategic planning meeting in August," noted Maud Dahme, president of the State Board of Education. "Several members of the Commission participated in the meeting, and one of the items discussed was how we could strengthen lines of communication and forge an even closer working relationship to address common goals."

"The new millennium holds unprecedented challenges for schools and colleges, and effective coordination – from preschool to graduate school – is essential for student success," said Alfred J. Cade, Chairman of the Commission. "There are many pressing issues that demand collaborative solutions, and the Commission on Higher Education and the State Board of Education are committed to tackling them together."

The summit will begin with welcoming remarks by Maud Dahme and Alfred Cade. A panel discussion examining the interrelationship of high school graduation requirements, college admission policies and remediation will follow. Nancy Cole, president of Educational Testing Service in Princeton, will be the moderator.

After the panel discussion, there will be three breakout groups: academic preparation and readiness; admissions policies and practices; and support and guidance for students and parents. Reports from the breakout groups will be discussed before David C. Hespe, Commissioner of Education, and James Sulton Jr., Executive Director of the Commission on Higher Education, discuss the next steps to be taken in closing remarks.

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