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Reaching Higher Iowa Supports Branstad's Line Item Veto

Urbandale, IA – Reaching Higher Iowa applauds Governor Branstad for the decision to line item veto of Section 18 and Section 19, subsection 5, of Senate File 2323. Vetoing this portion of the bill will allow the Iowa Department of Education to move forward with plans for implementation of a new, aligned assessment by the 2017-18 academic year. Mr. Jacobs remarked “This is an important step forward in improving Iowa’s K-12 public education system, and ensuring we are effectively measuring a student’s progress towards becoming college or career ready by the time they graduate from high school.”

Reaching Higher Iowa (<http://www.reachinghigheriowa.org>) is a 501(c)(3) organization that was founded in 2013 by Mark Jacobs. It is committed to improving the effectiveness of our educational system to provide opportunities for every child and family. Reaching Higher Iowa works on a non-partisan basis and advocates for four key areas of policy change: developing accountability, providing access to high quality non-profit public charter schools, supporting educators with professional development at all levels, and attracting and retaining high quality teachers.

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