

AGENDA ITEM

A-5. NCSSM Mission Statement.....Courtney Thornton

Situation: North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics requests approval of a revised mission statement.

Background: In 2012, NCSSM underwent a comprehensive strategic planning effort that resulted in a revised mission statement. The revised statement was formally approved by their Board of Trustees on September 23, 2016. The revised mission statement also requires approval by the UNC Board of Governors.

Assessment: Approval of the revised mission statement is recommended.

Action: This item requires a vote by the Committee, with full Board vote through the consent agenda.

**Request for Approval of Mission Statement
NC School of Science and Mathematics (NCSSM)**

NCSSM's mission statement previously read:

The mission of the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics, a public residential high school, is to help meet North Carolina's need for responsible leadership in the development and application of science, mathematics and technology, and to act as a catalyst for educational improvement throughout North Carolina and the nation.

Endorsed by NCSSM Staff and Students 2/16/90.

Adopted 3/2/90. Revised 3/6/98, 12/4/09

On September 23, 2016, the NCSSM Board of Trustees voted to approve the following proposed mission statement:

The mission of the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics, an intellectually stimulating, diverse, and collaborative community, is to:

- educate academically talented students to become state, national, and global leaders in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics,
- advance public education in North Carolina,
- and inspire innovation for the betterment of humankind,

through challenging residential and virtual programs driven by instructional excellence and the excitement of discovery.