



**TO:** Roger Breed, Ed.D.  
Commissioner of Education

**FROM:** Russ Inbody, Administrator of Finance & Organizational Services

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of requests relative to budgeting provisions of the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act in the areas of 1) Data Transmission Networks, 2) Retirement Contribution Increase, 3) Short-Term Borrowing, and 4) Voluntary Termination Agreements.

**Proposed Board Action:**

Proposed Board Action 1:  
Approve the amount for the Data Transmission Networks Exclusion for the district shown on the attachment.

Proposed Board Action 2:  
Approve the exclusion amount for a Retirement Contribution Increase for the district shown on the attachment.

Proposed Board Action 3:  
Approve the Short-Term Borrowing listed on the attachment as a Special Grant Fund.

Proposed Board Action 4:  
Approve the exclusion amount for Voluntary Termination Agreements for the district shown on the attachment.

**Background Information:**

Proposed Board Action 1: Approve the amount for the Data Transmission Networks Exclusion for the district shown on the attachment.

Background Information 1:  
Section 79-1028.01(2)(b) provides for the Department to permit a district to exceed its budget authority for the general fund budget of expenditures for the difference of the estimated expenditures for such school fiscal year for telecommunications services, access to data transmission networks that transmit data to and from the school district, and the transmission of data on such networks as such expenditures are defined by the department for purposes of the distance education and telecommunication allowance minus the dollar amount of such expenditures for the second school fiscal year preceding the first full school fiscal year the district participates in Network Nebraska. Department Staff have reviewed the request listed on the attachment and recommend approval. If approved, the school district may access additional budget authority. This request is applicable to the 2011/12 school district budget.

Proposed Board Action 2: Approve the exclusion amount for a Retirement Contribution Increase for the district shown on the attachment.

Background Information 2:  
Section 79-1028.01(1)(f)&(g) provides for the Department to permit a district to exceed its applicable allowable growth percentage for expenditures for a retirement contribution increase. Department Staff have reviewed the request listed on the attachment and recommend approval. If approved, the school district may access additional budget authority. This request is applicable to the 2011/12 school district budget.

Proposed Board Action 3: Approve the Short-Term Borrowing listed on the attachment as a Special Grant Fund.

Background Information 3:  
The State Board, pursuant to State Statute Section 79-1003(39), has designated Short-Term Borrowings as a special grant fund for budget limitation purposes. The Short-Term Borrowing listed on the attachment has been reviewed by Department Staff and appears to qualify as a special grant fund. If approved, the school district may access additional budget authority. This request is applicable to the 2011/12 school district budget.

Proposed Board Action 4: Approve the exclusion amount for Voluntary Termination Agreements for the district shown on the attachment.

**Background Information 4:**

Section 79-1028.01(1)(h) provides for the Department to permit a district to exceed its budget authority for the general fund budget of expenditures for expenditures for voluntary termination agreements. Department Staff have reviewed the request listed on the attachment and recommend approval. If approved, the school district may access additional budget authority. This request is applicable to the 2011/12 school district budget.

**Estimated Cost:**

None.

**Supporting Documentation Included:**

Requests Relative to the Budgeting Provisions of the Tax Equity & Educational Opportunities Support Act for the 2011/12 School Year.

**For Additional Information on this item:**

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**Requests Relative to the Budgeting Provisions  
of the Tax Equity & Educational Opportunities Support Act  
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**Recommendation 1**

**Data Transmission Networks:**

County-District Number	School District Name	Amount to be Approved
34-0001-000	Southern Public Schools	\$12,606

**Recommendation 2**

**Retirement Contribution Increase:**

County-District Number	School District Name	Amount to be Approved
10-0105-000	Pleasanton Public Schools	\$21,870
23-0002-000	Chadron Public Schools	\$87,251
30-0054-000	Shickley Public School	\$26,438
33-0018-000	Arapahoe-Holbrook Public Schools	\$34,343
34-0001-000	Southern Public Schools	\$50,220
34-0100-000	Diller-Odell Public School	\$32,150
45-0137-000	Chambers Public School	\$17,412
46-0001-000	Mullen Public Schools	\$22,659
50-0503-000	Minden Public Schools	\$79,355
53-0001-000	Kimball Public Schools	\$57,672
59-0002-000	Norfolk Public Schools	\$523,260
71-0067-000	Humphrey Public Schools	\$29,079
78-0072-000	Mead Public Schools	\$27,345
78-0107-000	Cedar Bluffs Public Schools	\$24,184
87-0001-000	Pender Public School	\$32,969
91-0074-000	Blue Hill Community Public Schools	\$36,126
92-0045-000	Wheeler Central Public Schools	\$16,913

**Recommendation 3**

**Short-Term Borrowing:**

County-District Number	School District Name	Amount to be Approved
78-0072-000	Mead Public Schools	\$215,250
85-2001-000	Bruning-Davenport Unified School	\$49,293

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**Recommendation 4  
Voluntary Termination Agreement:**

County-District Number	School District Name	Amount to be Approved
12-0502-000	East Butler Public Schools	\$70,800
33-0018-000	Arapahoe-Holbrook Public Schools	\$33,750
34-0001-000	Southern Public Schools	\$115,000
34-0100-000	Diller-Odell Public School	\$39,200
78-0072-000	Mead Public Schools	\$13,000
85-2001-000	Bruning-Davenport Unified School	\$13,841