



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: Distance Education Courses, Judgments Not Covered by Liability Insurance, Reimbursement for Wards of the Court, Reimbursement to County Government for Previous Overpayment, Retirement Contribution Increase, Short-Term Borrowing, Special Grant Fund Addition, Special Supplementary Grant, and Voluntary Termination Agreements.

Proposed Board Action:

- Proposed Board Action 1:
Approve the exclusion amount for Distance Education Courses for the district shown on the attachment.
- Proposed Board Action 2:
Approve the exclusion amount for Judgments Not Covered by Liability Insurance for the district shown on the attachment.
- Proposed Board Action 3:
Approve the Reimbursement for Wards of the Court listed on the attachment as a Special Grant Fund.
- Proposed Board Action 4:
Approve the Reimbursement to County Government for Previous Overpayment listed on the attachment as a Special Grant Fund.
- Proposed Board Action 5:
Approve the exclusion amount for a Retirement Contribution Increase for the district shown on the attachment.
- Proposed Board Action 6:
Approve the Short-Term Borrowing listed on the attachment as a Special Grant Fund (for 2011/12).
- Proposed Board Action 7:
Approve the Short-Term Borrowing listed on the attachment as a Special Grant Fund (for 2012/13).
- Proposed Board Action 8:
Approve the grants listed on the attachment as Special Supplementary Grants.
- Proposed Board Action 9:
Approve the exclusion amount for Voluntary Termination Agreements for the district shown on the attachment.

Background Information:

Proposed Board Action 1: Approve the exclusion amount for Distance Education Courses for the district shown on the attachment.

Background Information 1:
Section 79-1028.01(1)(d) provides for the Department to permit a district to exceed its budget authority for the general fund budget of expenditures for amounts received from educational entities for providing distance education courses through the Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council to such educational entities. 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 2012/13 school district budget.

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Proposed Board Action 2: Approve the exclusion amount for Judgments Not Covered by Liability Insurance for the district shown on the attachment.

Background Information 2:

Section 79-1028.01(1)(b) provides for the Department to permit a district to exceed its applicable allowable growth percentage for expenditures for judgments obtained against a school district which require or obligate a school district to pay just judgment to the extent such judgment is not paid by liability insurance coverage of a school district. 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 2012/13 school district budget.

Proposed Board Action 3: Approve the Reimbursement for Wards of the Court listed on the attachment as a Special Grant Fund.

Background Information 3:

The State Board, pursuant to State Statute Section 79-1003(39) and 79-1028.01(1)(k), has designated Reimbursement for Wards of the Court as a special grant fund for budget limitation purposes. The Reimbursement for Wards of the Court listed on the attachments 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 2012/13 school district budget.

Proposed Board Action 4: Approve the Reimbursement to County Government for Previous Overpayment listed on the attachment as a Special Grant Fund.

Background Information 4:

Pursuant to State Statute Section 79-1003(39) and 79-1028.01(1)(k), the State Board has designated Reimbursement to County Government for Previous Overpayment as a special grant fund for budget limitation purposes. The Reimbursement to County Government for Previous Overpayment presented 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 2012/13 school district budget.

Proposed Board Action 5: Approve the exclusion amount for a Retirement Contribution Increase for the district shown on the attachment.

Background Information 5:

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 2012/13 school district budget.

Proposed Board Action 6: Approve the Short-Term Borrowing listed on the attachment as a Special Grant Fund (for 2011/12)

Background Information 6:

The State Board, pursuant to State Statute Section 79-1003(39) and 79-1028.01(1)(k), 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 7: Approve the Short-Term Borrowing listed on the attachment as a Special Grant Fund (for 2012/13)

Background Information 7:

The State Board, pursuant to State Statute Section 79-1003(39) and 79-1028.01(1)(k), 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 2012/13 school district budget.

Proposed Board Action 8: Approve the grants listed on the attachment as a Special Supplementary Grants.

Background Information 8:

The State Board, pursuant to State Statute Section 79-1003(20) & (39) and 79-1028.01(1)(k), has designated Special Supplementary Grants from Corporations, Foundations, or Other Private Interests as special grant funds for budget limitations purposes. The individual grant listed on the attachment has been reviewed by Department Staff and appears to qualify as a special supplementary grant. If approved, the school district may access additional budget authority. This request is applicable to the 2012/13 school district budget.

Board Action 9: Approve the exclusion amount for Voluntary Termination Agreements for the district shown on the attachment.

Background Information 9:

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 2012/13 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 and 2012/13 School Years.

For Additional Information on this item:

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**Requests Relative to the Budgeting Provisions
of the Tax Equity & Educational Opportunities Support Act
For the 2011/12 & 2012/13 School Years**

Recommendation 1

Distance Education Courses [Section 79-1028.01(1)(d)] – 2012/13

County-District Number	School District Name	Amount to be Approved
03-0500-000	Arthur County Schools	\$78,623
61-0049-000	Palmer Public Schools	\$32,940
91-0074-000	Blue Hill Community Public Schools	\$6,000

Recommendation 2

Judgments Not Covered by Liability Insurance [Section 79-1028.01(1)(b)] - 2012/13

County-District Number	School District Name	Amount to be Approved
50-0503-000	Minden Public Schools	\$457,344

Recommendation 3

**Reimbursement for Wards of the Court [Sections 79-1003(39) and
79-1028.01(1)(k)] - 2012/13**

County-District Number	School District Name	Amount to be Approved
13-0022-000	Weeping Water Public Schools	\$350,000
41-0504-000	Aurora Public Schools	\$25,000
80-0009-000	Seward Public Schools	\$750,000
93-0096-000	Heartland Community Schools	\$250,000

Recommendation 4

**Reimbursement to County Government for Previous Overpayment
[Sections 79-1003(39) and 79-1028.01(1)(k)] – 2012/13**

County-District Number	School District Name	Amount to be Approved
53-0001-000	Kimball Public Schools	\$14,354
56-0565-000	Wallace School District 65-R	\$21,723

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of the Tax Equity & Educational Opportunities Support Act
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Recommendation 5

Retirement Contribution Increase [Section 79-1028.01(1)(f)&(g)] – 2012/13

County-District Number	School District Name	Amount to be Approved
<i>See attached list</i>		

Recommendation 6

Short Term Borrowing [Sections 79-1003(39) and 79-1028.01(1)(k)] – 2011/12

County-District Number	School District Name	Amount to be Approved
13-0056-000	Conestoga Public Schools	\$450,000

Recommendation 7

Short Term Borrowing [Sections 79-1003(39) and 79-1028.01(1)(k)] – 2012/13

County-District Number	School District Name	Amount to be Approved
28-0054-000	Ralston Public Schools	\$5,000,000
41-0504-000	Aurora Public Schools	\$1,000,000
74-0056-000	Falls City Public Schools	\$100,000

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of the Tax Equity & Educational Opportunities Support Act
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Recommendation 8

**Special Supplementary Grants [Sections 79-1003(20)&(39) and
79-1028.01(1)(k)] – 2012/13**

County-District Number	School District Name	Project Name	Amount to be Approved
27-0001-000	Fremont Public Schools	Fremont Public Schools Foundation	\$110,000
		WalMart Foundation	\$15,000
		Target Foundation	\$10,000
		Fremont Community Foundation	\$30,000
		Fremont National Bank	\$20,000
		First State Bank, Fremont	\$20,000
		Durham Museum, Omaha	<u>\$5,000</u>
			\$210,000
28-0054-000	Ralston Public Schools	Ralston Schools Foundation	\$100,000
		Region 24 Interagency Planning	<u>\$20,000</u>
			\$120,000
56-0565-000	Wallace School District 65-R	Monsanto Corporation	\$10,000
		Nebraska Investment Finance Authority Grant (AKA Governor's Excellence Award)	<u>\$2,500</u>
			\$12,500
69-0044-000	Holdrege Public Schools	Nebraska Statewide Arboretum / Trees for NE Towns	\$3,200
		Phelps Memorial Hospital Foundation	<u>\$2,800</u>
			\$6,000
76-0002-000	Crete Public Schools	Smithfield Foods	\$80,500
		Dollar General Foundation	\$12,000
		Crete Public Schools Trust	<u>\$47,000</u>
			\$139,500
80-0009-000	Seward Public Schools	Educational Project Grant - Seward Foundation	\$10,000

Recommendation 9

Voluntary Termination Agreements [Section 79-1028.01(1)(h)] – 2012/13

County-District Number	School District Name	Amount to be Approved
<i>See attached list</i>		

**2012/13
 Retirement Contribution Increase Expenditure Exclusion Requests
 79-1028.01(1)(f) & (g)**

**State Board of Education Approval
 July 12, 2012**

Co/District	District Name	Retirement Contribution Increase
02-0009-000	NELIGH-OAKDALE SCHOOLS	68,691
03-0500-000	ARTHUR COUNTY SCHOOLS	23,902
04-0001-000	BANNER COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	38,627
10-0105-000	PLEASANTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS	35,420
13-0022-000	WEEPING WATER PUBLIC SCHOOLS	61,734
16-0006-000	VALENTINE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	119,366
23-0002-000	CHADRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS	136,058
23-0071-000	CRAWFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS	46,238
26-0001-000	PONCA PUBLIC SCHOOLS	67,026
27-0001-000	FREMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS	745,219
28-0054-000	RALSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS	480,700
34-0100-000	DILLER-ODELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS	46,422
37-0030-000	ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS	38,530
39-0055-000	SPALDING PUBLIC SCHOOLS	19,926
41-0504-000	AURORA PUBLIC SCHOOLS	224,349
46-0001-000	MULLEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS	37,106
52-0100-000	KEYA PAHA COUNTY SCHOOLS	22,352
53-0001-000	KIMBALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS	98,735
54-0501-000	NIOBRARA PUBLIC SCHOOLS	43,377
56-0565-000	WALLACE PUBLIC SCH DIST 65 R	37,204
59-0005-000	BATTLE CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOLS	68,455
61-0049-000	PALMER PUBLIC SCHOOLS	32,657

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Retirement Contribution Increase Expenditure Exclusion Requests
79-1028.01(1)(f) & (g)

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Co/District	District Name	Retirement Contribution Increase
65-0011-000	SUPERIOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS	72,413
66-0501-000	PALMYRA DISTRICT O R 1	78,494
69-0044-000	HOLDREGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	177,685
71-0067-000	HUMPHREY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	47,329
74-0056-000	FALLS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	174,022
76-0002-000	CRETE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	289,817
78-0009-000	YUTAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS	73,069
78-0072-000	MEAD PUBLIC SCHOOLS	45,302
79-0032-000	SCOTTSBLUFF PUBLIC SCHOOLS	503,217
87-0013-000	WALTHILL PUBLIC SCHOOLS	72,748
91-0074-000	BLUE HILL PUBLIC SCHOOLS	58,063

2012/13
Voluntary Termination Agreement
Expenditure Exclusion Requests
79-1028.01(1)(h)

State Board of Education Approval
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Co/District	District Name	Voluntary Termination Agreement
12-0502-000	EAST BUTLER PUBLIC SCHOOLS	23,600
23-0002-000	CHADRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS	60,000
27-0001-000	FREMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS	1,497,828
28-0054-000	RALSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS	600,000
34-0100-000	DILLER-ODELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS	30,100
39-0055-000	SPALDING PUBLIC SCHOOLS	16,670
41-0504-000	AURORA PUBLIC SCHOOLS	73,122
53-0001-000	KIMBALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS	11,693
74-0056-000	FALLS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	27,190
76-0002-000	CRETE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	63,763
78-0009-000	YUTAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS	60,992
78-0072-000	MEAD PUBLIC SCHOOLS	80,132
93-0096-000	HEARTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	40,000