



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

FROM: Donlynn Rice, Administrator, Curriculum, Instruction, and Innovation
Diane Stuehmer, Administrator Federal Programs

SUBJECT:

Proposed Board Action:

Authorize the Commissioner to continue to contract with Havelka Educational Services to continue to assist with PLAS and Educator Effectiveness

Background Information:

For the past year and a half Jim Havelka, former school superintendent of North Bend public schools, has been assisting with the recently identified Persistently Low Achieving Schools (PLAS). This work has included site visits to PLAS schools to assist with the development of teacher and principal performance evaluation systems. He has met on a regular basis with personnel from the Title One office to report progress and coordinate efforts. He has also continued to research model evaluation systems from other states.

He has also co-facilitated the development of the Nebraska Teacher and Principal Framework. This process has included co-facilitating several meetings of the writing and editing committees as well as the stakeholders group and the State Board Accountability Committee. He has also given and will continue to give several presentations on the topic to educational groups. He will also continue to work with Educator Effectiveness by co-facilitating the development of a model teacher and principal evaluation based on the Framework that can be adopted or adapted by Nebraska school districts.

Estimated Cost:

\$84,000 - Federal Title 1A Funds

Supporting Documentation Included:

For Additional Information on this item:

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