



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

FROM: Melody Hobson

SUBJECT: Nebraska Early Childhood Education Grants for ages 3 -5

**Proposed Board Action:**

Grant Commissioner the authority to approve Early Childhood Education Grants to School Districts

**Background Information:**

Funds for awarding new and expansion Early Childhood Education Program grants are available due to eligible districts rollover to state aid. Contingent upon the availability of state funds on July 1, grants will be provided to eleven (11) school districts to provide collaborative early childhood programs to serve at-risk four-year-old children eligible to attend kindergarten in the following year. The purpose of the Early Childhood Education Grant Program is to improve equity of access to early childhood education/prekindergarten programs. Children of diverse characteristics will be served in inclusive environments and will be better prepared to enter school and be successful. Early Childhood programs are required to operate in compliance with Rule 11 – Regulations for Early Childhood Education Programs. Grants are awarded to four (4) districts in Congressional District #1, one (1) district in Congressional District #2, and six (6) districts in Congressional District #3. In communities with a population under 5,000, five (5) districts are awarded a grant. In communities with a population between 5,000 and 25,000, three (3) districts are awarded a grant and in communities with a population over 25,000, three (3) districts are awarded a grant. Approximately 292 children are expected to be served as a result of this funding.

**Estimated Cost:**

The total funded amount is \$1,049,221.

**Supporting Documentation Included:**

The following public school districts are recommended to receive an Early Childhood Education grant:  
Auburn Public Schools  
Grant Award: \$50,000  
Number of Classrooms: 1 part-day  
Proposed Number of Children: 20  
  
Broken Bow Public Schools  
Grant Award: \$75,000  
Number of Classrooms: 1 part-day  
Proposed Number of Children: 17  
  
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Grant Award: \$63,670  
Number of Classrooms: 1 part-day  
Proposed Number of Children: 16

Kearney Public Schools  
Grant Award: \$99,921  
Number of Classrooms: 1 full-day  
Proposed Number of Children: 18

Lincoln Public Schools  
Grant Award: \$141,730  
Number of Classrooms: 2 part-day  
Proposed Number of Children: 36

Norris School District 160  
Grant Award: \$52,000  
Number of Classrooms: 1 part-day  
Proposed Number of Children: 20

North Bend Central Public Schools  
Grant Award: \$125,000  
Number of Classrooms: 2 part-day  
Proposed Number of Children: 40

Papillion-LaVista Public Schools  
Grant Award: \$116,900  
Number of Classrooms: 2 part-day  
Proposed Number of Children: 30

Scottsbluff Public Schools  
Grant Award: \$125,000  
Number of Classrooms: 2 part-day  
Proposed Number of Children: 40

Spalding Public Schools  
Grant Award: \$75,000  
Number of Classrooms: 1 part-day  
Proposed Number of Children: 19

York Public Schools  
Grant Award: \$125,000  
Number of Classrooms: 2 part-day  
Proposed Number of Children: 36

**For Additional Information on this item:**

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