



TO: Scott Swisher, Ed.D.
Deputy Commissioner of Education

FROM: Melody Hobson

SUBJECT: Approval of Contracts

Proposed Board Action:

Approve Contracts for external trainer/coaches for implementation of Early Childhood Pyramid Model for Promoting Social/Emotional Competence in preschool programs operated by school districts and Head Start programs.

Contracts are:

- Carrie Gottschalk \$ 42,710.00 to provide training/coaching to 13 early childhood classrooms
Anne Bennett \$42,710.00 to provide training/coaching to 13 early childhood classrooms
Annette Hahn \$26,580.00 to provide training/coaching to 8 early childhood classrooms

Background Information:

NDE is assisting school districts and Head Start programs in implementing the Early Childhood Pyramid Model for Promoting Social/Emotional Competence in preschool classrooms. This model incorporates evidence-based practices to promote young children's social/emotional competence, and to prevent and address challenging behavior. School Districts and Head Start Programs interested in implementing the Pyramid Model to fidelity applied to NDE to be part of a Leadership Academy. After attending the Leadership Academy, school district and Head start teams are then assigned a trainer/coach. The trainer/coaches work with individual school districts/Head Start programs in classrooms to support successful implementation of the Pyramid Model. An external Pyramid trainer/coach to support each school district and Head start implementation team is funded by NDE. The responsibilities of the external trainer/coach are:
* to participate in NDE-required coach training, meetings and conference calls throughout 2013-2014; and
* to provide ongoing Pyramid training, preschool classroom coaching and leadership team development on-site with their assigned teams in 2013-2014.

Estimated Cost:

- Carrie Gottschalk \$ 42,710.00
Anne Bennett \$42,710.00
Annette Hahn \$26,580.00

Supporting Documentation Included:

Rationale for choosing these contractors for the trainer/coaches:
Individuals meet all NDE requirements for qualified Pyramid trainer/coach:
* Have completed NDE Early Childhood Coach training;
* Have completed training for pyramid trainers;
* Have coaching experience in early childhood program(s); and
* Are available for the duration of the contract period.

For Additional Information on this item:

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