



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

**FROM:** Melody Hobson

**SUBJECT:** Grants to Seven Educational Service Units to Fund the Early Learning Connection Activities

**Proposed Board Action:**

Grant the Deputy Commissioner the authority to approve grants to fund Nebraska Early Learning Connection professional development activities.

**Background Information:**

The Nebraska Early Learning Connection grants provide funds to seven (7) Educational Service Units to support professional development planning and delivery for defined geographic regions across the state. Approval is for the term October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014. The Educational Service Units (ESUs) on the list for approval submitted the required continuation grant application and Statement of Assurances for 2013-2014. The submitted grant application specified the professional development partnerships in the region, the results of an assessment of professional development needs, and the strategic plan for delivery of professional development offerings in the region. Seven grants are recommended for funding.

**Estimated Cost:**

\$667,500

**Supporting Documentation Included:**

The following ESUs are recommended for Early Learning Connection Continuation Grants in FY 2013-2014:  
Educational Service Unit #1  
Educational Service Unit #3  
Educational Service Unit #6  
Educational Service Unit #7  
Educational Service Unit #10  
Educational Service Unit #13  
Educational Service Unit #16

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