



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

FROM: Mary Ann Losh

SUBJECT: Grant the Deputy Commissioner the authority to continue to contract with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for PBiS program support.

Proposed Board Action:

Grant the Deputy Commissioner the authority to continue to contract with the University of Nebraska - Lincoln to conduct a study of the effectiveness of the NeModel of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBiS) training program.

Background Information:

In October of 2011 the Nebraska Department of Education received a State Personnel Development Grant from the US Department of Education. The grant is funded for a five year period. The Nebraska grant provides training to school leadership teams on developing positive behavioral interventions and supports for students. This year a pilot is being conducted using technology (Blackboard) to provide initial training. This contract will provide assistance to conduct analysis activities with training participants which will result in recommendations for improving the effectiveness of the training program which includes face to face training as well as technology based training. In addition, recommendations will be made on how to sustain with fidelity the present program beyond the grant cycle.

Estimated Cost:

The contract cost will be up to \$62,000.

Supporting Documentation Included:

No additional information is attached.

For Additional Information on this item:

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