



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

FROM: Mary Ann Losh, Gary Sherman, Jolene Palmer

SUBJECT: Grant the Deputy Commissioner the authority to continue to contract for services which will support training on Positive Behavioral intervention and Supports (PBiS) for Nebraska educators.

Proposed Board Action:

Grant the Deputy Commissioner the authority to continue to contract for services which will support training on Positive Behavioral intervention and Supports (PBiS) for Nebraska educators.

Background Information:

In 2011 Nebraska received a federal, competitively awarded State Personnel Development Grant. This grant is provided by the federal Office of Special Education to support training for staff on evidence based practices using systems change strategies resulting in improved outcomes for students with disabilities. Each summer teams of Nebraska educators receive training on how to improve behavioral outcomes for students. The evidence based practice is Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports. This national evidence based practice assists schools in designing effective behavioral prevention and intervention supports resulting in improved behavior and academic outcomes. During the week of June 2 two PBiS training activities will be provided by NDE over three days, reaching a cumulative total of up to an estimated 1,025 educators. This contract with the Embassy Suites will provide services to conduct the summer training.

Estimated Cost:

Estimated cost of the week of June 2 training is up to \$90,791.20. (Federal Special Education funds)

Supporting Documentation Included:

None

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