

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

**FROM:** Marilyn Peterson

**SUBJECT:** Purchase of hardware and software for SLDS District Dashboard

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### **PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Authorize the purchase of hardware and software needed to implement the District Dashboards funded through the Statewide Longitudinal Data System 2012 federal grant

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Nebraska received a Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems grant in 2012 that included building a dashboard that districts can choose to use. A dashboard is a tool that integrates local and state data into an easy to understand visual display to support local decision making at the classroom, school and district level. Nebraska has entered into a license agreement with the Ed-Fi Alliance, LLC. Ed-Fi Alliance was created by the Michael and Susan Dell Foundation to provide the dashboard, including source code, at no cost to any state or district. The dashboard will require the purchase of additional hardware and possible software to serve as many districts as want to participate. The Ed-Fi Alliance estimates that, given Nebraska's student population and number of teachers and administrators, we will need 7 servers at an estimated cost of \$7,200 (\$50,400). This proposal also asks for authority to purchase upgrade software if needed and \$20,000 is included. All costs for hardware and software are included in the 2012 SLDS grant.

### **Estimated Cost**

Cost: Not to exceed \$70,400 of the 2012 SLDS Grant funds

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**Supporting Documentation Included: none**

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