



TO: Matthew L. Blomstedt, Ph.D.
Commissioner of Education

FROM: Melody Hobson

SUBJECT: Approve amendment to the contract with Martha Nash.

Proposed Board Action:

Grant the Commissioner the authority to sign a contract amendment for Martha Nash.

Background Information:

The Step Up to Quality, Quality Rating and Improvement System will need raters who are trained to reliability in the program quality assessment tools. The contractor has the skills and experience necessary to fill part of this need. The contract amendment includes training to send the contractor to Infant/Toddler Environment Rating Scale (ITERS) training presented by the authors of the assessment tool. After this training the contractor will be available to assist NDE in training others in the tool, and complete assessments of programs across the state who need to have an ITERS assessment.

Estimated Cost:

Amendment will bring contract total cost from \$22,000 to \$27,800.

Supporting Documentation Included:

Contract is available for review.

For Additional Information on this item:

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