



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

FROM: Mary Ann Losh, Jolene Palmer

SUBJECT: Grant the 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 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 using evidence based practices. 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 month of June a sequence of PBIS Training Institutes will be provided by NDE. The first training institute will occur during the week of June 2. The contract for the week of June 2, 2014 services was already approved at the December 2013 State Board meeting. The remaining institutes are scheduled for June 10 -11 and June 12 -13 (\$53,028), June 17-19 (\$18,176) and June 24-26, 2014 (\$18,176). These service contracts with the Holiday Inn-Lincoln will reach a cumulative total of up to 1,260 educators.

Estimated Cost:

Estimated cost for the remaining June trainings (listed above) is up to \$90,000 (Federal Special Education funds)

Supporting Documentation Included:

None

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