



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

FROM: Melody Hobson

SUBJECT: Grant From Building Bright Futures, Inc. to Nebraska Department of Education

Proposed Board Action:

Grant the Commissioner the authority to sign a grant agreement from Building Bright Futures, Inc. to the Nebraska Department of Education

Background Information:

Building Bright Futures, Inc., a comprehensive public private partnership in Douglas and Sarpy counties, seeks to improve academic performance, raise graduation rates, increase civic and community responsibility and ensure that all students are prepared for post-secondary education by developing partnerships with existing providers and creating new evidence-based programs to develop a comprehensive, community-based network of services. Those services begin in the early years through the Building Bright Futures Early Childhood Services (BBF ECS), to enable parents to be their child’s first effective teacher, promote every child’s healthy growth and development and provide effective early learning through partnerships with existing Metro area child care providers to support high quality early care and education programs.

NDE’s Early Childhood Training Center will develop and deliver professional development activities for the BBF ECS network’s early childhood classroom coaches and also for providers and teachers who are serving young children and are engaged in quality program improvements, and for parents. These evidence-based professional development opportunities will be piloted with BBF and will then be delivered, as additional resources are acquired, for statewide quality improvement initiatives through the state’s early childhood professional development system. The grant activities identified for 2012 are a continuation of work that was initiated through a similar grant from BBF during 2011. The total amount of the grant will be \$150,000

Estimated Cost:

None to NDE

Supporting Documentation Included:

For Additional Information on this item:

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