



PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM RATIONALE

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PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM Discuss approval of early childhood education programs established by public school districts and Educational Service Units in accordance with the provisions of Rule 11 (92 NAC11), *Regulations for Early Childhood Education Programs*. Approval is for the term of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

RATIONALE/BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Nebraska revised state statute 79-1104(2) states “prekindergarten programs established by school boards or educational service units shall be approved by the state Department of Education subject to regulations adopted and promulgated by the State Board of Education”. The districts and Educational Service Units (ESUs) on the list for approval have submitted the required reports and Statement of Assurance indicating compliance with Rule 11 for the school year 2014-15. NDE Early Childhood staff verified compliance based on a review of information and follow-up with programs, as needed. Two hundred seven (207) programs established by districts and ESUs are submitted for early childhood education program approval for the school year 2015-16. This is an increase of thirteen (13) from school year 2014-15.

ESTIMATED COST:

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