



PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM RATIONALE

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Commissioner of Education

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PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM: Discuss the approval of revisions in the attached Special Purpose Agreements for the accredited special purpose schools having waivers under the provisions of Rule 10-013.04.

RATIONALE/BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Rule 10, regulation 013.04 establishes the conditions under which the Board may waive requirements for public special purpose schools. Nebraska has five Special Purpose Schools: Geneva North School, Kearney West High School, Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility (Omaha), Pine Ridge Job Corps (Chadron), and University of Nebraska High School (Lincoln). The special purpose agreement for each school provides a limited number of waivers or modifications of requirements appropriate for the purpose of the school and the unique student population.

The current agreements have included waivers of certain assessment and reporting requirements. The proposed adjustments, developed cooperatively by school representatives and NDE staff, adjust the waivers to align with the current Rule 10 (effective August 1, 2015). The proposed revisions within all special purpose agreements include an alignment of dates and in the University of Nebraska High School agreement, the update reflects a name change. The remaining change is specific to Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility and at the request of the institution, we are striking the waiver specific to Physical Education as the school is meeting the current Rule 10 language without a waiver. Other appropriate waivers will remain in effect for each of the schools.

ESTIMATED COST:

None