



PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM RATIONALE

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

FROM: Dean R. Folkers, D.M
Data, Research and Evaluation

PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM:

Grant the Commissioner the authority to accept a grant from the Michael and Susan Dell Foundation (MSDF) to support the extension and implementation of the ADVISER dashboard and related technologies.

RATIONALE/BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The implementation of the ADVISER dashboard to provide secure and timely data and information to educators has been a project funded through the federal SLDS grant. As part of the implementation the Ed-Fi technologies a critical element of support comes from the integration of Student Information System (SIS) and assessment vendors to transact data securely to the system. Support for these vendors to build the connectors is being provided and continuation of that support for additional vendors is provided through this grant from MSDF.

In addition, school districts are required to submit a Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC). There may be an opportunity to leverage the implementation of the Ed-Fi technology to accomplish this task through automation and reports and would reduce a significant burden on school districts annually. To identify if this is feasible, a portion of the grant resources are targeted to conduct a requirements/feasibility study to determine the options and the possible path to accomplish the goals of reducing this burden.

ESTIMATED COST:

The amount of the grant provided to NDE is in the amount of \$225,000..