



# NEBRASKA

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### PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM RATIONALE

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

**FROM:** Lane Carr  
Accountability Section Leader

#### PROPOSED DISCUSSION ITEM:

Grant the Commissioner the authority to contract with KLK Consulting, Inc. for services and continuing support for Nebraska's Priority Schools for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

#### RATIONALE/BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Nebraska Statute 79-760.06 requires the state board to designate no less than three priority schools. In the past, the Department has contracted with KLK Consulting, Inc. to provide diagnostic reviews, on-site skillful observation and coaching with administrators, school improvement planning and implementation of the priority school progress plans, partnership and skill-building with NDE staff, and off-site support and follow-up, including weekly conference calls, e-mail correspondence, reviewing documents, and other items identified by the Commissioner.

Additionally, this request builds the Department's capacity through skill-development, facilitator training, and certification. The Department will use the improvement facilitator training and certification to scale up Priority School improvement activities throughout the state.

The NDE is requesting authorization to enter into a contract with KLK to provide the following services for a total of \$351,000:

- \$118,000 – Schuyler High School – School Improvement Planning and Implementation, Professional Learning, Skillful Observation and Coaching Laboratory, and Off-site Support
- \$114,000 – Santee Community Schools – School Improvement Planning and Implementation, Professional Learning, Skillful Observation and Coaching Laboratory, and Off-site Support
- \$60,000 – Loup County – School Improvement Planning and Implementation, Professional Learning, Skillful Observation and Coaching Laboratory, and Off-site Support
- \$21,000 – Druid Hill – School Improvement Planning and Implementation, Professional Learning, Skillful Observation and Coaching Laboratory, and Off-site Support
- \$38,000 – School Improvement Facilitator Training and Certification

#### ESTIMATED COST:

\$351,000

#### SOURCE OF FUNDS:

General Funds