



NEBRASKA

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM RATIONALE

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

FROM: Dean Folkers, D.M.

PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM:

Grant the Commissioner the authority to renew the contract with partners for the Project AWARE grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

RATIONALE/BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Nebraska Department of Education was awarded a Project AWARE (Advancing Wellness and Resiliency in Education) State Education Agency Grant through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The State Board of Education authorized the Commissioner to accept the grant at the October 5, 2018 Board Meeting.

As documented and approved in the grant application, the Department intends to contract with the following partners through September 30, 2020:

- Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services for staff to assist with project coordination;
- University of Nebraska—Lincoln Public Policy Center for project evaluation, including data collection, performance measurement, and written reports;
- Chadron Public Schools for local project development, implementation, operation, and data collection;
- Hastings Public Schools for local project development, implementation, operation, and data collection, and;
- South Sioux City Community Schools Public Schools for local project development, implementation, operation, and data collection.

ESTIMATED COST:

FOR CONTRACTS AND GRANTS INDICATE THE FUNDING SOURCE (e.g., state general funds, federal Perkins career and technical education funds; federal Title I funds):

Federal SAMHSA Project AWARE Grant