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PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM RATIONALE

DATE: October 23, 2020

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

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PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM: Grant the Commissioner authority to contract with Mosaic by ACT to pilot an evidenced based comprehensive Social Emotional Learning (SEL) curriculum and assessment tools for staff and students in five school districts in NE.

RATIONALE/BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

To pilot an evidenced based comprehensive Social Emotional Learning (SEL) curriculum and assessment tools for staff and students in five districts representative of demography, rurality and student need across the state. Participating districts will receive support from implementation staff at Mosaic, professional development on adult SEL, curriculum and assessment tools. ACT will host training on Mosaic for SEL Champions, building leaders, NDE and ESU staff and other identified building and district administrators to introduce the aligned curriculum, assessment, and professional learning services designed to build strong SEL skills across Nebraska.

PROPOSED BOARD MEETING (MONTH/YEAR): November 2020

ESTIMATED COST: \$200,000

FOR CONTRACTS AND GRANTS: CARES Act funding