



# NEBRASKA

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM RATIONALE

**DATE:** October 28, 2020

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

**FROM:** Cory Epler, Ph.D.  
Academic Officer

**PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM:** Authorize the Commissioner to accept funds from National Geographic to develop teaching resources for integrated science and social studies education.

**RATIONALE/BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The funds (\$50,000) will be utilized to mobilize Nebraska students and educators as citizen and social scientists by collecting and analyzing data from Nebraska's waterways, which could inform potential legislation. The teaching resources and associated professional learning support implementation of Nebraska's College and Career Ready Standards for Science and the Nebraska Social Studies Standards.

**PROPOSED BOARD MEETING (MONTH/YEAR):** November 2020

**ESTIMATED COST:** NA

**FOR CONTRACTS AND GRANTS:**

- Indicate the Funding Source: National Geographic
- New or Renewal: New
- If renewal, date of first approval: