



PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM RATIONALE

DATE: January 17, 2024

TO: Dr. Brian L. Maher
Commissioner of Education

FROM: Dr. Trudy K Clark, Director of Statewide Assessment

PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM: Action Item: Grant the Commissioner the authority to contract with NWEA for statewide assessment services for the 2024-2025 school year.

AGENDA ITEM TYPE (contract/grant/rule/program/other): Contract

RATIONALE/BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- On July 1, 2022, the Nebraska Department of Education entered into a contract with NWEA.
- The initial contract was the result of a Request for Proposal to provide a statewide assessment. This RFP met the requirement from 79-760.03.
- The agenda item serves students in grades 3-8, and 11 for English Language Arts and mathematics, and grades 5 and 8 for science.
- The contract is administered through collaboration between NWEA and the Department of Education. The initial contract was awarded through the Request for Proposal procurement process.
- This contract will provide deliverables until June 2025.

PROPOSED BOARD MEETING (MONTH/YEAR): February 2024

ESTIMATED COST: \$8,962,295

FOR CONTRACTS AND GRANTS:

- Indicate the Funding Source: Federal and State
- New or Renewal: Renewal (amendment)
- If renewal, date of first approval: July 1, 2022

FOR NEW CONTRACTS OR OTHER CONTRACTS REQUIRING PROCUREMENT:

- Indicate the method of procurement: NA
- Rationale for method of procurement: NA
- Rationale for contractor selection: NA

FOR GRANT SUBAWARDS:

- Describe the grantee selection process: NA

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