



PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM RATIONALE

DATE: April 3, 2024

TO: Dr. Brian L. Maher
Commissioner of Education

FROM: Zainab Rida, Equity Officer and Administrator for the Office of Coordinated Students Support Services

PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM: Authorize the Commissioner to accept funds to support the development and continued support of Statewide Family Engagement Centers across Nebraska.

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

RATIONALE/BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The National Center for Families Learning received a continuation grant from the US Department of Education to fund the development and continued support of new and existing Statewide Family Engagement Centers across Nebraska in collaboration with the NDE and the Nebraska Children and Families Foundation. The NDE will be paid \$300,000 (\$50,000 each of the first 3 years, and \$75,000 each of the last 2 years) for below services over the five-year period:

- Partner with NCFEL and NE based program staff to continue to oversee all aspects of Family Literacy programs and expansion efforts of Family Engagement and Family Leadership programs.
- Facilitate connections to ESUs and School Districts where the NE SFEC does not have a presence to support NE SFEC Grant expansion efforts.
- Lead regular NE SFEC Grant Partner meetings to support strong NE SFEC leadership and governance practices.
- Aid in embedding parent participation in local, district, and state policy advocacy and leadership.
- Develop training and technical assistance in collaboration with the NE SFEC Partners.

PROPOSED BOARD MEETING (MONTH/YEAR): May 2024

ESTIMATED COST:

FOR CONTRACTS AND GRANTS:

- Indicate the Funding Source: The funding source for this project is the National Center for Families Learning.
- New or Renewal: Renewal of a second five-year grant
- If renewal, date of first approval: February 2018

FOR NEW CONTRACTS OR OTHER CONTRACTS REQUIRING PROCUREMENT:

- N/A

FOR GRANT SUBAWARDS:

- N/A

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