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PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM RATIONALE

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Commissioner of Education

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PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM: Grant the Commissioner authority to accept FY2018 funding through the United State Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS)/Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Meal Service Training Grants

RATIONALE/BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The purpose of this grant is to work closely with childcare facilities participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and provide education and support for promoting healthy childcare environments in Nebraska childcare facilities. NDE-Nutrition Services will provide training and technical assistance to strengthen operator competencies related to the provision of nutritious meals in accordance with the CACP meal patterns. NDE-NS will target CACFP participants and provide regional trainings focusing on skill-based outcomes regarding CACFP meal pattern. This goal will be met by accomplishing the following activities.

Activity 1: Plan menus to incorporate NE cultural and regional preferences and introduce CACFP providers to a variety of healthy foods that are less expensive and available in NE.

Activity 2: Demonstrate the ability to modify recipes by selecting USDA recipes with fewer and more accessible ingredients to provide the appropriate amounts of food under the CACFP meal pattern.

Project Period 09/30/2018 through 09/30/2020

Total Amount per Year: \$99,440.00