



# NEBRASKA

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### PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM RATIONALE

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

**FROM:** Brad Dirksen and Kim Snyder

**PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM:** Grant the Commissioner authority to contract with an individual yet to be named for a period beginning on or after May 1, 2019, through July 31, 2020, for the purpose of directly supporting teachers and school leaders in work with the Nebraska Teacher and Principal Performance Framework and the Nebraska Leadership and Learning Network.

**RATIONALE/BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The Nebraska Department of Education accepted an invitation from CCSSO in 2016 to participate in the Wallace Foundation's "ESSA Leadership Learning Community" (ELLC). This is a partnership among CCSSO, the Council of Great City Schools, the National Urban League and the Wallace Foundation to establish a structure for states and districts to work together to determine how to use funds available to support education leaders in their state and local plans. Through ongoing discussions, the Nebraska ELLC is creating a sustainable learning, and improvement network of principals and their direct supervisors. This individual would also assist with the revision and improvement of the state model for teacher and principal development and evaluation. In order to create and sustain this work, we are requesting the Commissioner have the ability to contract with an individual yet to be named who would assist in the development, implementation, and improvement of the Nebraska Teacher and Principal Performance Framework and the Nebraska Leadership and Learning Network.

**ESTIMATED COST:** Up to \$105,000.00 based on qualifications

**FOR CONTRACTS AND GRANTS INDICATE THE FUNDING SOURCE** (e.g., state general funds, federal Perkins career and technical education funds; federal Title I funds):

Federal Title II-A Statewide funds