



NEBRASKA

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM RATIONALE

DATE: April 28, 2020

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

FROM: Melody Hobson

PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM: Grant the Commissioner the authority to approve a continuation grant to the Nebraska Association for the Education of Young Children (NeAEYC) to operate the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Scholarship program.

RATIONALE/BACKGROUND INFORMATION: T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Nebraska® is a scholarship program for low-income professionals working in early childhood education and care programs who want to continue their education. T.E.A.C.H. is an acronym that stands for Teacher Education and Compensation Helps. T.E.A.C.H. programs operate in 21 states and assist early childhood educators complete associate's degrees in early childhood education and eventually complete a bachelor's degree and obtain a Nebraska teaching certificate with an Early Childhood Inclusive endorsement. T.E.A.C.H. pays tuition, books, and release time for students who work at least 30 hours per week in an early childhood program. The Nebraska Association for the Education of Young Children is the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Nebraska® license holder for Nebraska.

PROPOSED BOARD MEETING (MONTH/YEAR): May, 2020

ESTIMATED COST: \$360,000

FOR CONTRACTS AND GRANTS:

- Federal Child Care and Development Block Grant
- Renewal:
- First contracted to NeAEYC in 2002: