



## PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM RATIONALE

**DATE:** September 23, 2021

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

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**PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM:** Authorize the Commissioner to contract with The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services for the purpose of providing leadership, management, and organizational support for youth and young adult tobacco initiatives.

**RATIONALE/BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The Nebraska Department of Education will partner with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in their goal to educate youth on tobacco prevention efforts by supporting a fulltime position for the management and coordination of youth tobacco prevention programs and resources.

This position is also responsible for assisting with the development of grant activities and leading implementation to assure all program goals and objectives are met. Funding for this position is through one federal grant from the Centers for Disease Prevention and Control.

**PROPOSED BOARD MEETING (MONTH/YEAR):** October 2021

**ESTIMATED COST:** \$155,000

**FOR CONTRACTS AND GRANTS:**

- Indicate the Funding Source: Federal- Centers for Disease Prevention and Control (CDC) National and State Tobacco Control Program to DHHS
- New or Renewal: New