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AGREEMENTS WITH THE NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Action Requested: Consider approval of the agreements with the Nebraska Department of Education as summarized below.

Executive Summary: Academic Year Agreement – Renewal of the education services agreement with the Nebraska Department of Education for FY 2010 at the rate of \$71,759 per Nebraska student (\$43,752 for educational and related program services and \$28,007 for residential services as necessary). The increase of \$3,000 (4.4%) for combined services (\$1,500 for educational and related program services and \$1,500 for residential services) is the third increase since inception of the agreement.

In April 1998, the Board of Regents and the Nebraska Department of Education entered into an agreement for the Iowa School for the Deaf to provide educational services to Nebraska students with hearing impairments. This educational arrangement has been working well for both ISD and Nebraska since FY 1999. The agreements allow for renewal by mutual consent and written notification by both parties.

Last year, both parties provided intent notice to renew this agreement for FY 2010. ISD and the Board Office recommend that the contract be renewed for FY 2010 with the increased tuition rate of \$1,500 and the increased room and board rate of \$1,500 for a combined charge of \$71,759 per student. The Nebraska Department of Education has agreed to the increase.

Summer School Agreement –The academic year agreement between the Board of Regents and the Nebraska Department of Education specifically excludes services related to the summer school program. Due to budget concerns, Iowa School for the Deaf is not offering summer school for 2009, so the renewal of the Nebraska Summer School Agreement for the summer school program of 2009 is not included.

Both Agreements – Notification of the Board's intent to renew each agreement with the Nebraska Department of Education for FY 2011, pursuant to the provisions of the agreements.

It is recommended that the Board, on behalf of the Iowa School for the Deaf, notify the Nebraska Department of Education of its intent to renew the agreements for FY 2011.

Copies of the proposed contract renewal and notifications are available at the Board Office.