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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 2008 at the rate of \$65,759 per Nebraska student (\$41,252 for educational and related program services and \$24,507 for residential services as necessary). The increase of \$3,000 (4.6%) for combined services (\$2,000 for educational and related program services and \$1,000 for residential services) is the first increase since the 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 2008. ISD and the Board Office recommend that the contract be renewed for FY 2008 with the increased tuition rate of \$2,000 and the increased room and board rate of \$1,000 for a combined charge of \$65,759 per student. The Nebraska Department of Education has agreed to the increase.

Summer School Agreement – Renewal of the Nebraska Summer School Agreement for the summer school program of 2007 with a weekly charge of \$472 per Nebraska student (\$240 for educational and related program services and \$232 for residential services).

The academic year agreement between the Board of Regents and the Nebraska Department of Education specifically excludes services related to the summer school program.

In May 1999, the Board approved an agreement for the Iowa School for the Deaf to provide summer school programming for Nebraska students with hearing impairments. Iowa School for the Deaf generally offers a multi-week summer school program, and students may attend as many weeks of the program as available. Because of the manner in which the ISD summer program is operated with activities well past the evening meal hour, it is preferable that students be in residence during the week(s) that they participate in the summer program.

The rate for this summer's program will be the same as previous years.

Both Agreements – Notification of the Board's intent to renew each agreement with the Nebraska Department of Education for FY 2009, 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 agreement for FY 2009.

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