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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 2012 at the rate of \$88,715 per Nebraska student (\$50,289 for educational and related program services and \$38,426 for residential services as necessary). These costs assume the loss of one-time funds in state appropriations and a slight increase in projected residential students – giving a decrease of \$6,399 (-6.7%) for combined services (-\$2,518 for educational and related program services and -\$3,881 for residential services).

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 2012. ISD and the Board Office recommend that the contract be renewed for FY 2012 with the new tuition rate of \$50,289 and the increased room and board rate of \$38,426 for a combined charge of \$88,715 per student. The Nebraska Department of Education has received the proposed rates and will take action at their next meeting.

Summer School Agreement –Renewal of the Nebraska Summer School agreement for the summer school program of 2011 with a weekly charge of \$495 per Nebraska student; \$252 for educational and related program services and \$243 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.

Due to budget concerns, Iowa School for the Deaf did not offer summer school for 2010, so comparative numbers are not available.

Both Agreements – Notification of the Board's intent to renew each agreement with the Nebraska Department of Education for FY 2012, 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 2012.

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