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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 – In May 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. The agreement was modified on September 9, 2010 to base costs on projected budget and the number of Iowa students. 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. Currently, four Nebraska students are enrolled at Iowa School for the Deaf (two residential and two academic only). For FY 2020, ISD projects an enrollment of two (both academic only) Nebraska students.

Renewal of the education services agreement with the Nebraska Department of Education for FY 2020 at the rate of \$102,570 per Nebraska student (\$60,488 for academic and related program services and \$42,082 for residential services when applicable) – an increase of 4.5% for the combined services. Last year, both parties provided an intent notice to renew this agreement for FY 2020.

The Nebraska Department of Education has received the proposed rates and will take action at its next meeting.

Summer School Agreement – 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.

Renewal of the Nebraska Summer School agreement for the summer school program of 2020 would be a weekly charge of \$580 per Nebraska student; \$292 for academic and related program service and \$288 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.

Both 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 2021.

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