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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. For FY 2022, ISD expects seven Nebraska student to enroll at ISD, all of which are expected to be academic only.

The Board is asked to consider renewal of the education services agreement with the Nebraska Department of Education for FY 2022 at the rate of \$114,482 per Nebraska student (\$61,906 for academic and related program services and \$52,576 for residential services when applicable). The proposed rates reflect the average cost per student for academic and residential services. After freezing rates for Nebraska students for the current year, the proposed FY 2022 rates are a combined 11.6% higher than the current year. Last year, both parties provided an intent notice to renew this agreement for FY 2022.

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

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 2023.

Copies of the proposed contract renewal is available at the Board Office.