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His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
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REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to MOP 1200, I.D., authorize the Department of Education, Bureau of Credentialing, to pay the 2022 membership dues to the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education & Certification, (Vendor Code #173621) of Washington, DC, in the amount of $4,500, for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, upon Governor and Council approval. 100% Other Funds (Bureau of Credentialing Fees)

Funding is anticipated to be available in an account titled Education Credentialing in FY2022, upon the availability and continued appropriation of funds in the future operating budget as follows:

	FY 2022
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Organizational Dues	$4,500

EXPLANATION

The National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) is the organization that represents professional standards boards and commissions and state departments of education in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Department of Defense Education Activity, the U.S. Territories, Alberta, and Ontario that are responsible for the preparation, licensure, and discipline of educational personnel. Associate members include other Canadian provinces, institutions of higher education, and representatives of other constituent groups with an interest in the preparation, continuing development, and certification of educational personnel.

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Listed below are answers to standard questions required for Governor and Council organizational dues and membership approval submissions:

1. How long has this organization been in existence and how long has this agency been a member of this organization? *The organization was founded in 1928. NH has been a member for over thirty years.*

2. Is there any other organization which provides the same or similar benefits which your agency belongs to? *No*

3. How many other state's belong to this organization, and is your agency the sole NH state agency that is a member? *As of September, 2018, 55 organizations including 50 states, Washington, DC, U.S. Territories (except Puerto Rico), U.S. Department of Defense for Educational Activities, and the Canadian Province of Ontario are members. The Department of Education is the sole NH state agency that is a member.*

4. How is the dues structure established? (Standard fee for all states, based on population, based on other criteria, etc.) *The dues structure is a standard fee for all jurisdictional members.*

5. What benefit does the state receive from participating in this membership? *NH uses the NASDTEC Clearinghouse, a national database for collecting and contributing information on educator discipline with information on licenses that have been sanctioned or revoked. This Reciprocity Agreement assists in making cross-state educator certification more accessible to applicants. The Department of Education is able to access the online community of NASDTEC which includes a knowledge base of information about certification for member states. The NASDTEC provides multiple professional learning opportunities throughout the year, including an annual member conference, winter professional development meeting, and fall conference on educator misconduct. Members receive a discounted registration fee for the annual conference.*

6. Are training or educational/ research materials included in the membership? If so, is the cost included? *The cost of registering for training events/conferences are not included in the membership fee. There are research briefs, materials posted from conferences, and a variety of resources pertinent to educator preparation and certification available from the NASDTEC. The NASDTEC developed a Model Code of Educator Ethics and has developed a training academy of online coursework to assist in the professional development and learning for educators on professional practice and preventing misconduct.*

7. Is the membership required to receive any federal grants or required in order to receive or participate in licensing or certification exams? *No*

8. Is there any travel included with this membership fee? Explain in detail any travel to include the number of employees involved, the number of trips, destination, if known, and purposes of membership supported trips. *No*

9. Which state agency employees are directly involved with this organization? (Indicate if they are members, voting members, committee members, and/or officers of the organization. *The administrator for the Bureau of Credentialing and administrator for the oversight of teacher preparation programs are the direct point of contacts to the NASDTEC. The education consultant I and education consultant II are online community members. Up to 25 educators may become members of the online community as part of this membership agreement.*

10. Explain in detail any negative impact to the State if the Agency did not belong to this organization. *Participation in the NASDTEC Clearinghouse is a very important component of assuring safety for students by having access to a national database that collects information regarding educator misconduct across the nation. Without membership, the Department of Education would lose an important means of communicating with other state departments of education and professional standards boards across the 50 states and jurisdictions. Membership in this organization facilitates communication among the nation's offices of educator certification and teacher preparation.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment

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DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
FY 2022 Membership Fee NASDTEC Jurisdiction Membership Fee (July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022)	1	4,500.00	4,500.00

NASDTEC FEIN : 94-2967408

BALANCE DUE **$4,500.00**