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His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Education, Bureau of Educational Opportunities to hold a two-day conference in September 2023, for a total conference cost not to exceed \$2,500 to provide training sessions to Charter School leaders, board members, and administrators, effective upon Governor and Council approval through November 30, 2023. 100% Federal Funds.

Funds are anticipated to be available in FY2024, upon the availability and continued appropriation of funds in the future operating budget, in the account titled Charter Schools as noted below.

06-56-56-567010-24500000-102-500731 Contracts for Program Services	<u>FY2024</u> \$2,500
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EXPLANATION

The New Hampshire Department of Education (NHED) received a \$46 million grant from the United States Department of Education, to support the development and expansion of charter schools in the State. In the state's approved grant project, more than \$1.7 million has been budgeted to deliver training services and opportunities to existing and developing charter schools to deliver the technical assistance required by the grant program. NHED will invite school directors, administrators, and board members from the charter community, which includes 33 currently approved schools and approximately 4 developing schools.

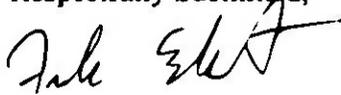
The NHED, Bureau of Educational Opportunities, will hold a two-day conference using space in the Granite State College 25 Hall Street location in Concord for charter school board members, leaders, and developers. The conference will include multi-track training sessions designed to provide best practices in the areas of governance, operations, student achievement, and support.

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This conference will be focused on providing best practices, providing strategies for developing sustainability, and improving student performance. Topic areas will include governance, operations, financial strategies, developing student supports, using educational data to improve curriculum and sharing of school experiences.

The training facilitators will be chosen from an existing pool of contracted vendors that were selected through a request for proposals (RFP) process.

Respectfully Submitted,



Frank Edelblut
Commissioner of Education

Estimate of Cost

The Office of Charter Schools is seeking permission to host a 2-day conference for charter school leaders, developers, and staff members to build sustainability and share best practices. Based on our current plan, we anticipate the following costs:

Item Description	Providers	Est. Unit Amount	Total Est. Amount
Miscellaneous Supplies Only: Name Tags, Signage, Printing Agendas, Table Covers, etc.	TBD	N/A	\$2,500
			\$2,500



New Hampshire Department of Education
Office of Charter Schools

2023 Charter School Conference Draft Agenda

DAY 1: Operations and Sustainability

8:15 – 8: 45am	Registration		
8: 45– 9:20 am	Welcome & Keynote <i>(main room)</i>		
9: 30– 11: 30am	PICK YOUR LEARNING PATH		
	Option 1: Charter School Governance: Setting Duties, Expectations and Evaluation Standards for all Level of Leadership	Option 2: Moving from Startup to Sustainability: Growing a Charter and Maturing Operations	Option 3: Ask NHED: Visit booths manned with NHED staff for Q&A and Specialized Support
11: 45am – 12:45 pm	Working Lunch: * Change Management & Resiliency Planning <i>(main room)</i>		
1pm – 2: 45pm	PICK YOUR LEARNING PATH		
	Option 1: Financial Strategies for Charters	Option 2: School Improvement: Understanding and prioritizing your school needs	Option 3: Ask NHED: Visit booths manned with NHED staff for Q&A and Specialized Support
3 – 4 pm	Interactive Session: Sustainability through Enrollment and Retention Best Practices <i>(main room)</i>		

DAY 2: Student Achievement & Support

8: 30 – 9am	Kickoff Day 2		
9:00 – 9: 45am	Student Accommodation vs. Modification (Special Ed MOU)		
10 am – 11: 30am	PICK YOUR LEARNING PATH		
	Option 1: Student Supports: Strategies to ensure success for struggling students	Option 2: Using Educational Data Strategically for Curriculum Improvement	Option 3: Ask NHED: Visit booths manned with NHED staff for Q&A and Specialized Support
11:45 am – 1 pm	Working Lunch: * Cultivating Student Agency and Engagement		
1pm – 2: 45pm	PICK YOUR LEARNING PATH		
	Option 1: Implementing High-Quality Instruction	Option 2: Overcoming Learning Loss Post-COVID	Option 3: Ask NHED: Visit booths manned with NHED staff for Q&A and Specialized Support
3 – 3: 30pm	Charter School Alliance Update <i>(main room)</i>		
3: 30 – 4pm	Wrap Up and Reflection <i>(main room)</i>		

*Attendees are asked to supply their own lunch.