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March 27, 2024

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
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State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Education to grant funds to the New Hampshire School Administrators Association (NHSAA) Concord, NH, (Vendor Code #155313) to support the 83rd Annual 2024 Conference of New Hampshire school system administrators and leaders, in the amount of \$50,000.00, effective upon Governor and Council approval for the period of June 24 - 26, 2024. 100% Federal Funds

Funds are available in the following account for Fiscal Year 2024 as follows:

06-56-56-562010-25100000 Title II-A Prof Develop

Fiscal Year	Account/Class	Class Title	Total Amount
2024	102-500731	Contracts for Program Services	\$50,000.00

EXPLANATION

The NHSAA is a non-profit, tax-exempt corporation dedicated to providing the best possible public education for the children of New Hampshire. The membership includes superintendents of schools, assistant superintendents, school business officials, special education directors, curriculum coordinators and other system administrators. The mission of NHSAA is to be a credible and compelling voice of education leadership in creating an exemplary and comprehensive education for all public-school students and providing high quality services to its membership.

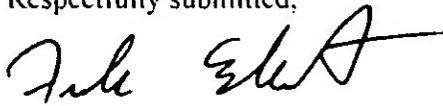
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The Department has been invited to participate and support the professional development opportunities provided at the NHSAA June 2024 Conference. This year's conference is being held June 24-26, 2024, at Mountain View Grand in Whitefield, New Hampshire. The purpose of the conference is to provide learning opportunities for school administrators across multiple sectors including educational innovation, recruitment and retention of educators, extended learning opportunities, competency-based education, licensure and more. The support will contribute to presenter fees, materials, and expenses for the conference. The Department of Education will use this event as an opportunity to collaborate with and provide updates about the Department priorities to district leaders throughout the State, and plan for the upcoming school year.

Respectfully submitted,



Frank Edelblut

Commissioner of Education

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NEW HAMPSHIRE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION

CHAMPIONS FOR CHILDREN



March 27, 2024

Dear Commissioner Edelblut:

Thank you for the opportunity to reestablish a positive and collaborative working relationship with the New Hampshire Education Department (NHED). The purpose of this letter is to formally document and detail the NHSAA's request for grant funding for the 2024 NHSAA Annual Conference and Business Meeting.

On June 24 – 26, 2024, at the Mountain View Grand in Whitefield, NH, the NHSAA will host its 83rd Annual Members Conference and Business Meeting. This annual event brings NHSAA members from around the state together to extend their professional learning and skills, to connect and network, to celebrate accomplishments, and to enthusiastically begin planning for the upcoming school year. This year's three-day event, themed "Here for the KIDS and each other," will include daily keynote speakers and multiple concurrent professional development opportunities. While the agenda and details are still in flux and being finalized, thus far the keynote and concurrent sessions will likely be tied to the following topics:

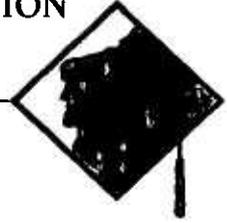
- Educational Innovation
- Artificial Intelligence
- Round Table and Open "Problem of Practice" Opportunities / Discussions
- Staff Care and Educator Growth
- Recruitment and Retention of Principals and Teachers
- Student Agency and Success Stories
- Portrait of a Learner / Instructional Excellence
- Portrait of a Graduate and Diploma Pathways
- Extended Learning Opportunities (ELOs)
- Threat Assessment and Security (plant and digital / cyber)
- The Power of Public Education
- Effective / Innovative Communication Strategies
- Public School and Business Partnerships
- Competency-Based Education (CBE) – and the 306 Ed Minimum Standards
- Licensure – Pathways and the 506 Ed Standards
- Effective School Board Meetings

Professional development is designed to offer continued growth opportunities and allow members to learn from the "talent in the room" as well. If the NHED will sponsor the event with a \$50,000 allocation from accessible grants, this funding will help the NHSAA mitigate costs for registration and venue expenses (to include concurrent meeting and conference rooms charges, A/V equipment charges and setup fees, and printed material charges). Additionally, funding from the NHED will make this event more accessible to school system leaders.

To summarize our communications, we are agreeing to the following at the 2024 NHSAA Annual Conference (we will confirm times and details as the agenda for the event is finalized):

- Six (6) NHED business partners at the conference.

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- On Tuesday – highlighted / keynote Artificial Intelligence (AI) speaker.
- On Tuesday – two (2) concurrent sessions. These include Alma iNHDEX training opportunities and potentially a screening of *Chasing Childhood*.

Thank you in advance for your support of the NHSAA and for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark MacLean', written in a cursive style.

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