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His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu  
and the Honorable Council  
State House  
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**REQUESTED ACTION**

Authorize the Department of Education Division of Learner Support, to hold virtual organized meeting, dates to be determined, for the purpose of providing professional development to educators, reading specialists, and curriculum coordinators to support, administer and deliver curriculum in evidence-based writing practices, for a total cost not to exceed \$9,930 effective upon Governor and Council approval through September 30, 2024. 100% Federal Funds.

Funds to support this request are available in the following account in FY25 as follows:

06-56-56-562010-24370000 ESSER III – ARP 2021

Fiscal Year	Account/Class	Class Title	Total Amount
2025	102-500731	Contracts for Program Services	\$9,930

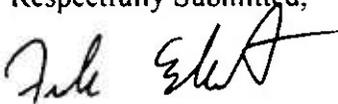
**EXPLANATION**

This project involves Self-Regulated Strategy Development (SRSD) a framework for training educators in evidence-based writing techniques. The "train the trainer" approach aims to equip local educators with skills that educators can then pass on to others within their local community or institution creating a model of professional development that is tailored not only to the local context but also supports evidence-based writing approaches. A cohort model will be used to support the trainers.

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The SRSD strategies currently meet the Elementary and Secondary Education Act's (ESEA) Tier 1 highest level of standards for effectiveness. The objective of the training is to raise the proficiency, motivation, independence, and quality of students' writing by providing a framework and tools to support students and educators in constructing written expression. Additionally, writing is used as a lever to strengthen content knowledge, standards' mastery. The program has noted a 5% or more proficiency gain from prior years' achievement on school/district assessments and on state assessments.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Commissioner of Education

**Draft Agenda:**

**Train-the-Trainer Workshops to support, administer and deliver curriculum agnostic evidence-based writing practices following the thinkSRSD (Self-Regulated Strategy Development) writing model:**

***Preparation for the Train-the-Trainer Workshops***

Pre-training via Zoom over 2 days 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. dates to be determined in conjunction with NHED

***Day 1 Full Day-Zoom Course, (Date TBD) Full Course*** - For piloting teacher representatives from each school

Professional development on evidence-based practices for close reading and writing instruction, delivered virtually via Zoom (8:30-3:00)

***Day 2 Half Day-Zoom Data Meeting (Date and Time TBD)***

Review and score pre-assessments provided to the school coaches and set next instructional steps

Two additional 45-minute follow up data meetings with interested schools at no additional cost

***Day 3 Half Day Follow Up Meeting Sustainability (Date and Time TBD)***

Zoom coaching session to support the schools & Team Leaders with implementation

**Cost Breakdown:**

<b>Deliverable</b>	<b>Cost:</b>	<b>Total:</b>
Virtual Sessions	Zoom Course and follow up days	\$6,000.00
Curriculum Materials	Releasing Writers & Power Up books (2 desk copies) for 40 schools	\$1,330.00
	eLearning licenses	\$2,600.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$9,930.00</b>