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

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to MOP 1200, I. D., authorize the Department of Education (NHED) Bureau of Special Education Support to **retroactively** pay the 2025 State Membership dues to the National Association of State Directors of Special Education (NASDSE) (VC#172212), Alexandria, VA, the amount of \$11,113.02 effective upon Governor and Council approval for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. 100% Federal Funds.

Funding for this request is available in FY25 as follows:

06-56-56-562010-25040000 IDEA-Special Ed-Elem/Sec

Fiscal Year	Class/Account	Class Title	Total
2025	026-500251	Membership Fees	\$11,113.02

EXPLANATION

This request is **retroactive** as the NHED received the invoice for payment late in FY24 and there was not enough time to process before the close of the fiscal year.

The NASDSE is a strong organization that has considerable visibility and influence in our nation's capital and throughout the country. State membership provides NHED personnel with ongoing working relationships with U.S. Department of Education personnel within the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services (OSERS), Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE), and the Office for Civil Rights (OCR). NASDSE provides leadership and on-going collaboration with National and State organizations that help States meet their missions through shared work; national-level representation in the development of national policy, on-going support for State Directors of Special Education, annual conference and business meeting with discussions and presentations on timely topics, quality presenters and networking with peers.

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The National Association of State Directors of Special Education (NASDSE) works to ensure that the States have input on issues involving children and youth with disabilities at the U.S. Department of Education and on Capitol Hill as well as with education, disability, and parent organizations. The organization also maintains contact with the National Governors Association, the National Conference of State Legislatures, the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development and the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors. As New Hampshire implements changes in the regulations, it is important to keep these collaborations current and on-going.

Listed below are answers to standard questions required for Governor and Executive Council organization 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 National Association of State Directors (NASDSE) of Special Education was formed in 1938; the NHED, Bureau of Special Education Support has been a member for the past forty-seven (47) years.

2. Is there any other organization which provides the same or similar benefits which your agency belongs to?

No.

3. How many other States belong to this organization and is your agency the sole New Hampshire State agency that is a member?

All States are encouraged to become a member of NASDSE. Yes, as NASDSE is a National Association for State Directors of Special Education.

4. How is the dues' structure established? (Standard fee for all States, based on population, based on other criteria, etc.)?

Standard fee for all States. Added options for NASDSE dues for their two Affinity Groups, the Part B Data Managers and the 619 Coordinators.

5. What benefit does the State receive from participating in this membership?

On-going contact and working relationships with the US Department of Education, personnel within the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services (OSERS); Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE); the Office for Civil Rights (OCR), and others. On-going collaboration with more than 50 national and State organizations that help States meet their missions through shared work.

6. Are training or educational/research materials included in the membership? If so, is the cost included? Explain in detail.

Included in the membership:

- NASDSE publications and other media
- High interest publications such as the RTI publication series, deaf education books and publications by Project Forum
- Access to high quality information through NASDSE's website(s)

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7. Is the membership required to receive any federal grants or required in order to receive or participate in licensing or certification exams? Explain.

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.

Rebecca Fredette, NHED NH State Director of Special Education

Lisa Moody, NHED, Bureau of Special Education Support Administrator, Office of Finance and Data Management

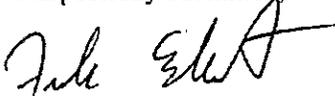
Alexa Simmons, NHED, Bureau of Special Education Support 619 Coordinator

10. Explain in detail any negative impact to the State if the Agency did not belong to this organization.

NASDSE is a strong organization that has considerable visibility and influence in our nation's capital and throughout the country, providing leadership and representing the States in matters of policy, programs, and services, while working to create the future for education services for persons with disabilities. The negative impact would include, but not limited to:

- Loss of collaboration with other States to meet missions through shared work.
- Inability to receive timely reporting on matters being considered by Congress;
- Loss of collaboration in national coalitions working on national policy; Committee on Education Funding, the Elementary/Secondary Education Coalition, Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities;
- Loss of regular communication on critical issues and developments in the field;
- Inability to receive timely updates on policies and practices from the US Department of Education, the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) and various national organizations and associations.

Respectfully submitted,



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Commissioner of Education

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Membership Invoice

Invoice # 1427

REBECCA FREDETTE
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NH DEPT OF EDUCATION
101 PLEASANT ST
CONCORD, NH 03301-3860

Thank you for your membership! To continue your membership and all the benefits it provides, please remit payment before the Due Date below. Thanks for renewing with NASDSE!

NOTE: PLEASE REFER TO RENEWAL EMAIL FOR ALL AVAILABLE PAYMENT OPTIONS - ONLINE, ACH OR CHECK.

MEMBER	ITEM	AMOUNT
NH BUREAU FOR SPECIAL ED SERVICES 7/1/2024 - 6/30/2025	Member Membership Dues	8,973.02
	Membership Add-Ons: 619 Coordinator (1@1070.00) Data Manager (1@1070.00)	2140.00
TOTAL:		11,113.02

Payment Stub

Please tear off this stub and include with your payment.
Send payment to:

National Association of State Directors of Special Education
1800 Diagonal Road, Suite 600
Alexandria, VA 22314

or login and pay online at www.nasdse.org

Member: FREDETTE, REBECCA
NH BUREAU FOR SPECIAL ED SERVICES

Invoice #: 1427
Description: Membership Dues
Date Due: 7/31/2024

Amt. Due: 11,113.02

Enclosed: