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The Honorable Ken Weyler, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court
State House
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Her Excellency, Governor Kelly A. Ayotte
and the Honorable Council
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REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 9:16-c, I, authorize the Department of Education, Division of Learner Support, Bureau of Special Education Support to transfer federal grant funds, in the amount of \$664,000.00, in and among classes, to support professional development and capacity-building initiatives for educators to enhance outcomes for students with disabilities, effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approvals through June 30, 2027. **100% Federal Funds.**

Funds to be budgeted in Fiscal Year 2027 as follows:

State Professional Development
Accounting String: 06-56-56-562010-25060000

		Adjusted Authorized Budget FY2027	Requested Increase (Decrease)	Revised Budget FY2027
Revenue				
000-400374-16	Federal Funds	(\$1,552,077.37)	\$0.00	(\$1,552,077.37)
Expenditures				
020-500200	Current Expenses	\$11,330.75	\$0.00	\$11,330.75
026-500251	Membership Fees	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
029-500290	Intra-Agency Transfers	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
030-500331	Equip General (Replace)	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
037-500173	Technology-Hardware	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
038-500176	Technology-Software	\$10,200.00	\$0.00	\$10,200.00
040-500800	Indirect Costs	\$24,280.45	\$0.00	\$24,280.45

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041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$1,467.72	\$0.00	\$1,467.72
042-500620	Post Retirement Benefits	\$15,646.00	\$0.00	\$15,646.00
050-500109	Part Time Salaries	\$14,250.00	\$0.00	\$14,250.00
057-500531	Books Periodicals Subscrt	\$6,906.52	\$0.00	\$6,906.52
060-500601	Benefits	\$11,790.00	\$0.00	\$11,790.00
066-500546	Employee Training	\$1,510.00	\$0.00	\$1,510.00
070-500704	In-State Travel	\$8,500.00	\$0.00	\$8,500.00
072-500577	Grant Federal	\$331,549.19	\$664,000.00	\$995,549.19
080-500710	Out-of-State Travel	\$12,805.88	\$0.00	\$12,805.88
102-500731	Contracts for Program Servs	\$1,100,040.86	(\$664,000.00)	\$436,040.86
Total		\$1,552,077.37	\$0.00	\$1,552,077.37

EXPLANATION

The New Hampshire Department of Education received the State Personnel Development Grant from the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs, effective through September 30, 2029. The purpose of this grant is to establish a scalable and sustainable model of professional learning that enhances the skills of educators, instructional leaders, and families supporting students with disabilities. Through evidence-based training and resources, the initiative aims to improve educational outcomes, address evolving workforce needs, and enhance local education systems and family partnerships. The Department has budgeted this grant within accounting unit 25060000.

The Department has analyzed expense accounts and based on the current rates of expenditure anticipates the need for a transfer of appropriation in some expense accounts. Since the budgeting process occurred, the bureau has developed changes to program services and the reallocation of appropriation within the accounting unit is required.

When the Department initially developed the project budget, funds were designated for contractual services. Program needs have since evolved, and the Department now requires these funds to be available for allocation to Local Education Agencies (LEAs) to procure the trainings, tools, and other resources necessary to support effective implementation. Reallocating the appropriation will ensure alignment with current program requirements and allow LEAs to secure the supports essential for successful execution.

The initiative will deliver evidence-based professional learning, including training and on-the-job coaching, to strengthen and expand the existing structured literacy initiative in up to 50 LEAs. It will further support LEA instructional leadership teams in using data to improve systems and advance meaningful parent and family engagement through a dual capacity-building approach.

The following appropriation authorities are being requested:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Class Description</u>	<u>Explanation</u>
072	Grants Federal	Additional appropriation to distribute grant funds to grant sub-recipients
102	Contracts for Program Services	Reduce appropriation for contracts with service providers

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The following information is provided in accordance with the Budget Officer's instructional memorandum dated April 17, 1985.

Justification:

1) Does transfer involve continuing programs or one-time projects?

Continuing services

2) Is this transfer required to maintain existing program level or will it increase the program level?

Maintain program level

3) Cite any requirements which make this program mandatory?

Implementation of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Federal requirements

4) Identify the source of the funds on all accounts listed on this transfer?

Federal Funds

5) Will there be any effect on revenue if this transfer is approved or disapproved?

No

6) Are funds expected to lapse if this transfer is not approved?

No

7) Are personnel services involved? If yes, answer the following:

No

a. Number of positions budgeted in each account.

b. Number of positions filled in each account.

c. Reason for vacant positions.

d. Have any positions been transferred previously in these accounts?

e. Will any positions be transferred as a result of this request?

The Department has conducted a detailed review of these line items in the budget to ensure that available funds are maximized to the greatest degree possible.

Respectfully submitted,



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Commissioner of Education