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

REQUESTED ACTION

The Department request placing this item on the Consent Calendar.

Pursuant to RSA 4:8, authorize the Department of Education, Division of Instructional Support and Student Assessment, to accept a gift from Educational Tours, Cambridge, Ma., of a scholarship valued at \$5,200.00, awarded to Julie Couch, Assessment Administrator.

EXPLANATION

The Department requests authorization to accept this gift valued at \$5,200.00. Ms. Couch will be participating in EF Education First's Professional Learning Program in Helsinki, Finland and Milan, Italy from July 2, 2017-July 10, 2017. While participating in this program, Ms. Couch will join 70 other likeminded educators, administrators and leaders, from across the country to explore the Finnish Education System. Educators will meet and learn about how the country's education system has consistently been a top performer on international benchmarks such as the Program for International Student Assessment (PISA). Over the course of the three-day summit, the group will take part in expert lead workshops and hear from keynote speakers, and observe students taking part in a Design Thinking workshop where they will be tackling real world issues and present their solutions.

The Department of Education wishes to accept this gift with sincere appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Edelblut
Commissioner of Education



Educational Tours

April 23, 2017

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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to recognize Julie Couch, Assessment Administrator for the New Hampshire Department of Education, as a recipient of a full scholarship to participate in EF Education First's Professional Learning Program in Helsinki, Finland and Milan, Italy from July 2nd-July 10th, 2017. This full scholarship is valued at \$5,200.

While on this program, Julie will join 70 other likeminded educators, administrators and thought leaders, from across the country to explore the Finnish education system. Julie Couch and fellow participants will meet with educators from both the local and national level to learn about how the country's education system has consistently been a top performer on international benchmarks such as PISA. After the time spent in Helsinki, the group will travel to Milan to take part in the Global Leadership Summit. EF's Global Leadership Summit brings together 1500 students, administrators and thought leaders from across the globe, to tackle the global issue of The Future of Food. Over the course of the three-day Summit, the group will take part in expert lead workshops, hear from keynote speakers such as Anthony Bourdain and Raj Patel, and observe the students take part in a Design Thinking workshop where they will be tackling real world issues and present their solutions. The winning student group at the Global Leadership Summit will have their project displayed in the Nobel Museum in Stockholm, Sweden.

We are honored to have Julie Couch represent the New Hampshire Department of Education as one of EF Education First's 2017 Professional Learning Scholarship recipient. Should you have any questions or require any additional information please don't hesitate to connect with me directly.

Best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Courtney Mullins".

Courtney Mullins
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