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Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan
and the Honorable Executive Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

The Department of Education requests placing this item on the Consent Calendar.

Authorize the Department of Education, Division of Program Support to pay the 2016-2017 membership dues to the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education & Certification, (Vendor Code #173621) of Washington, DC, in the amount of \$4,000, effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. 100% Other Funds

Funding is available in an account titled Education Credentialing, as follows:

	<u>FY2017</u>
06-56-56-564510-62040000-026-500251 Membership Fees	\$4,000.00

EXPLANATION

NASDTEC is the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification. It is the organization that represents professional standards boards and commissions and state departments of education in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Department of Defense Education Activity, the U.S. Territories, Alberta, and Ontario that are responsible for the preparation, licensure, and discipline of educational personnel. Associate members include other Canadian provinces, institutions of higher education, and representatives of other constituent groups with an interest in the preparation, continuing development, and certification of educational personnel.

Listed below are answers to standard questions required for Governor and 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 organization was founded in 1928. NH has been a long time member. Interstate reciprocity agreements with the organization are renewed every five years.

2. Is there any other organization which provides the same or similar benefits which your agency belongs to? No.
3. How many other state's belonging to this organization and is your agency the sole New Hampshire state agency that is a member?

As of September, 2013, 48 organizations including 45 states, Washington, DC, Guam and the U.S. Department of Defense are members. The NH DOE is the only agency member in NH.

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

The dues structure is a standard fee for all jurisdictional members.

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

NH participates in the NASDTEC certification reciprocity agreement. This agreement assists in making cross-state educator certification more accessible to applicants. NH DOE is able to access the online community of NASDTEC which includes a knowledge base of information about certification for member states. NH uses the NASDTEC Clearinghouse, a national database for collecting and contributing information on educator discipline with information on licenses that have been sanctioned or revoked. NASDTEC provides multiple professional learning opportunities throughout the year including an annual member conference, winter professional development meeting, and fall conference on educator misconduct. Members receive a discounted registration fee for the annual conference.

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

The cost of registering for training events/conferences and travel expenses are not included in the membership fee. There are research briefs, materials posted from conferences, and a variety of resources pertinent to educator preparation and certification available from NASDTEC. NASDTEC developed a Model Code of Educator Ethics and has developed a training academy of online coursework to assist in the professional development and learning for educators on professional practice and preventing misconduct.

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

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William Ross, Bureau of Credentialing, online community member

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Karen Soule, Office of the Commissioner, online community member

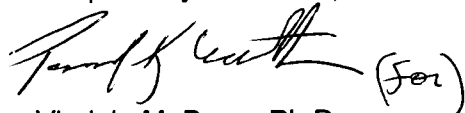
Nicole Heimarck, Bureau of Educator Preparation, online community member

Up to 25 educators may become members of the online community as part of this membership agreement. This is a relatively new member benefit. Members of NH's Professional Standards Board will be invited to join the online community.

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

Without membership, the NH Department of Education would lose an important means of communicating with other state departments of education and professional standards boards across the 50 states and jurisdictions. Membership in this organization facilitates communication among the nation's offices of educator certification and teacher preparation. Participation in the NASDTEC Clearinghouse is a very important component of assuring safety for students by having access to a national database that collects information regarding educator misconduct across the nation.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Virginia M. Barry", followed by the word "(for)" in parentheses.

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ACTIVITY	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
FY2017 Annual Dues NASDTEC Jurisdiction Membership Dues (July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017)	1	4,000.00	4,000.00

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BALANCE DUE

\$4,000.00