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Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan  
and the Honorable 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 to pay the 2016-2017 membership dues to EBSCO (Elton B. Stephens Co.) Information Services, Dallas, TX, (vendor code 177808), in an amount not to exceed \$16,380, effective upon Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2017. 50% Federal Funds, 50% Agency Income.

Funds are available in the accounts titled Special Education and Credentialing as follows:

	<u>FY17</u>
06-56-56-562510-41100000-026-500251 – Membership Fees	\$8,190.00
06-56-56-564510-62040000-026-500251 – Membership Fees	\$8,190.00

**EXPLANATION**

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?

EBSCO Information Services is a division of EBSCO Industries, Inc., which has been in business since 1944. If approved, this will be the Department of Education first year as a member. However, the Department of Education has partnered with other NH organizations – NEA New Hampshire and the IHE (Institutes for Higher Education) Network – over the last few years, through a grant received by NEA New Hampshire to provide the EBSCO Information Services to educators around the state. This grant ended last year and educators have requested we continue this membership allowing access to quality research materials to help them in their instructional practice.

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

No, EBSCO is the only provider of this service.

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

This particular package was created specifically for a joint partnership between the Department of Education, NEA New Hampshire and the NH IHE Network. No other state or New Hampshire agencies are a part of this membership packet.

NOTE: EBSCO resources are used in all 50 states, and are purchased by more than 95% of all colleges and universities in North America.

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

This membership provides resources for 500 new educators, plus the existing pool of educators who have participated in the partnership previously (approx. 16,000 educators).

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

New Hampshire educators will be able to access the following resources:

- **SocINDEX with Full Text:** This database is the world's most comprehensive and highest-quality sociology research database. Its extensive scope and content provide users with a wealth of extremely useful information encompassing the broad spectrum of sociological study. The database features millions of records with subject headings from a sociological thesaurus designed by subject experts and expert lexicographers.
- **ERIC:** The Education Resource Information Center (ERIC) provides access to educational literature and resources. This database provides access to information from journals included in the Current Index of Journals in Education and Resources in Education Index.
- **Education Source:** The world's largest and most complete collection of full-text education journals, this database provides scholarly research and information to meet the needs of education students, professionals, and policy makers. It covers all levels of education — from early childhood to higher education — as well as all educational specialties such as multilingual education, health education, and testing.
- **Business Source Corporate Plus:** Whether you are looking for the most recent articles from renowned trade publications, monitoring competitors and market trends or supporting business research, this invaluable resource serves cross-departmental business information needs for companies in any industry.
- **Academic Search Complete:** Designed for academic institutions, this database is the leading resource for scholarly research with more full-text journals and more peer-reviewed journals than any other database available. It supports high-level research in the key areas of academic study by providing journals, periodicals, reports, books, and more.

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

Yes. The purpose of this project is to promote educators' access of research-based strategies to inform practice and improve student's learning opportunities, engagement and results. The research materials and sources (literature, publications and articles, research databases, etc.) provide reliable solutions to some of educators more perplexing questions about instruction and school practices. The cost of the materials and sources are included in the membership.

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, there is no travel included with this membership.

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.)

The following Department of Education employees will be involved with EBSCO;

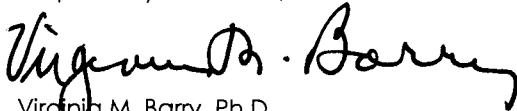
- Nicole Heimarck; Administrator for Education Preparation;
- Virginia Clifford, Administrator for Credentialing; and
- Ashley Frame, Title II Director.

None of our staff serve as voting members, committee members or officers of EBSCO.

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

Contracting with EBSCO Information Services allows the State to offer comprehensive and high-quality research for educators in New Hampshire. Similar to medical research databases that help physicians in determining best practices to help their patients, this membership allow educators to access information to assist them in implementing best teaching strategies for the students of our State. The negative impact of not being a part of EBSCO is that these resources would not be readily available to promote quality research and assist educators.

Respectfully submitted,



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