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April 20, 2018

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu  
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, Bureau of Special Education to pay the 2018-2019 membership State Membership fee to the National Association of State Directors of Special Education (NASDSE), 225 Reinekers Lane, Alexandria, VA (vender code 172212), in the amount of \$10,386.00 effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. 100% Federal funds.

Funds to support this request are available in the account titled Special Education-Elem/Sec.;

06-56-56-562010-25040000-026-500251  
Organizational Dues

FY 2019  
\$10,386.00

**EXPLANATION**

The National Association of State Directors of Special Education (NASDSE) is a strong organization that has considerable visibility and influence in our nation's capital and throughout the country. State membership provides New Hampshire Department of Education 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 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 NH Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education has been a member for the past forty-two (42) 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?  
50 States and the District of Columbia.  
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)

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.

Santina Thibedeau, NH State Director of Special Education ~ President of NASDSE Board of Directors for 2018

Ruth Littlefield, NH Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education 619 Coordinator

Lisa Moody, NH Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education Data Manager

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;

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- 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.

In the event that the Federal Funds become no longer available, General Funds will not be requested to support this program.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank Edelbut", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Frank Edelbut  
Commissioner of Education

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Attachments



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Invoice Number: 0804035-IN

Invoice Date: 4/5/2018

Customer Number: 02-NH

Customer P.O.:

Terms: DUE UPON RECEIPT

Description	Amount
2018-2019 State Membership July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019	8,386.00
<b>Optional Affinity Group Membership: (check all that apply)</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> 619 Coordinator	1,000.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Data Manager	<u>1,000.00</u>

TOTAL PAYMENT

**\$ 10,386.00**