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The Honorable Karen Umberger, Chairman  
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His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu  
And the Honorable Council  
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REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, the Department of Education, Bureau of Student Wellness requests authorization to accept and expend funds from the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in the amount of \$125,000 to provide funding from the Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs to increase access to Kindergarten through the 12<sup>th</sup> grade (hereinafter referred to as "Promising Futures 2.0"), substance-misuse prevention strategies, evidence-based interventions, and social-emotional learning practices to New Hampshire school districts, effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2023. 100% Transfers from Other Agencies.

Funds to be budgeted as follows:

OSEW-Promising Futures 2.0-Gov Commission Fund  
Account: 06-56-56-562010-15730000

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>FY 23 Adjusted Authorized Budget</u>	<u>FY 23 Requested Change</u>	<u>FY 23 Adjusted Authorized Request</u>
<b>Income</b>				
001-487356	TRANSFERS FROM OTHER STATE AGENCY	(65,333.00)	(125,000.00)	(190,333.00)
<b>Expenditure</b>				
073-500583	GRANTS NON-FEDERAL	65,333.00	125,000.00	190,333.00

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### EXPLANATION

The purpose of this request is to ensure the development, enhancement, and expansion of a statewide system of support for technical assistance to local educational agencies and schools to implement an evidence-based, multi-tiered framework for improving behavioral outcomes and learning conditions for students.

Upon prior approval by the Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs, on December 2, 2020, Item # (8) and amended on June 30, 2021 Item # (5G) and an approved updated MOU approved for DHHS on June 15, 2022 Item # (33), this funding would be used to support access to K-12 substance misuse prevention strategies, evidence-based interventions, and building student resilience, pursuant to its authority under RSA 12-J:3.

The Director of the DHHS Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Service as the Executive Director of the Governor's Commission and is responsible for administering the budget. Approval of this Fiscal Item will allow the Department of Education to accept the authorized funding from the Governor's Commission to support schools in the selection and implementation of prevention strategies, evidence-based interventions, and training to develop, enhance, and expand a preventative multi-tiered system of support.

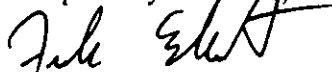
The Department of Education will use the funding provided by the DHHS from the Governor's Commission funds only to support the implementation of substance-misuse prevention curricula and resilience building practices. The Department of Education will provide semi-annual summaries on the progress of the use of funds to the Governor's Commission and to the Department of Health and Human Services.

Should this request not be approved, the state of New Hampshire's ability to improve behavioral outcomes and learning conditions for students will be significantly diminished.

The following appropriation authorities are being requested:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Class Description</u>	<u>Explanation</u>
073	Grants- Non-Federal	Appropriation to grant funds to NH Local Education Agencies

Respectfully Submitted,



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Commissioner of Education