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April 2, 2015

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

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Education to grant funds in the amount of \$25,000 to the New Hampshire School Administrators Association (NHSAA) (Vendor Code 155313) in support of the 2015 June Conference of New Hampshire School System Leaders, in partnership with the New Hampshire School Administrators Association (NHSAA); effective upon Governor and Council approval through July 1, 2015. 100% Federal Funds

Funding is available in the account entitled Title II Prof Develop as follows:

	<u>FY15</u>
06-56-56-563010-21830000-102-500731 Contracts	\$25,000.00

EXPLANATION

The NHSAA is a non-profit, tax-exempt corporation dedicated to providing the best possible public education for the children of New Hampshire. The membership includes Superintendents of Schools, Assistant Superintendents, Business Officials, Special Education Directors, Curriculum Coordinators and other system administrators.

The Department has been invited to participate annually in the NHSAA Commissioner's June Conference and Annual Meeting for 36 years. This year's conference is being held June 28, 2015 – July 1, 2015 at Mountain View Grand Hotel, Whitefield, NH. These funds will contribute to presenter fees, materials and expenses for the conference. The Department's \$25,000 contribution will be approximately 50% of the total cost of the Conference. The Department of Education will use this as an opportunity to collaborate with and support public school officials throughout the State.

The opening session will begin with a presentation by NH Leaders on "The Role of the Arts in Education and in Life". Guest speakers will include Jerome "Jerry" Frew, the 2015 NH Superintendent of the Year (SAU 65); Kim Marshall, author and current coach for aspiring and practicing school leaders; and Dr. Thomas Guskey, researcher, writer, and professor at the University of Kentucky.

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In addition to the above mentioned presentations, participants will have the opportunity to take part in informal meetings related to issues of educational leadership and to network with their peers.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Virginia M. Barry". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "V".

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June Conference of NH School System Leaders 2015
Mountain View Grand Hotel
June 28 - July 1, 2015

Sunday June 28, 2015

Arrival in afternoon

Welcome and registration

4:45 - 6:00 pm Opening session

"The Role of the Arts in Education and in Life"

- Presentation by NH Leaders and their work in related fields

6:00 - 8:00 Opening Dinner and introduction of all conference attendees

Monday June 29, 2015

8:30 - 8:45 am

Welcome and Review of Conference Goals and Agenda

8:45 - 9:15 Distinguished Lecture - Jerome "Jerry" Frew -
2015 NH Superintendent of the Year

9:30 - 12:30 Keynote Presenter: Kim Marshall

"Rethinking Teacher Supervision and Evaluation"

About the Presenter:

Kim Marshall began his career in 1969 teaching sixth graders in a Boston middle school. He used "learning stations" with some success, wrote curriculum materials for his students, gave workshops for teachers in the Boston area, and began to write articles on classroom and school innovation.

During Boston's desegregation crisis in the mid-1970's, Kim became increasingly involved in schoolwide change efforts, delved into the new research on effective urban schools, and eventually went to graduate school for a year to prepare to become a principal. But a 1980 Massachusetts tax-cutting referendum closed 27 Boston schools, and Kim found himself in the district's central office, first as a policy advisor and speechwriter for Superintendent Robert Spillane, then leading a team that wrote new curriculum objectives for the district, and finally serving as director of curriculum and planning.

In 1987, Kim finally got his wish and was made a principal. As leader of the Mather Elementary School for the next 15 years, Kim and his colleagues brought about significant improvements in student achievement, teacher effectiveness, and the quality of the curriculum.

Kim now authors the "Marshall Memo" published weekly and works for New Leaders for New Schools (www.nlms.org), a non-profit that recruits, trains, and supports urban principals. Kim coaches new principals in New York City, with a special focus on improving teacher supervision and evaluation and the effective implementation of interim assessments. He also gives workshops and courses to aspiring and practicing school leaders in a number of venues.

12:30pm - 1:30 pm Lunch

**1:30 - 4:30 Opportunity for networking and discussions with
colleagues**

Tuesday June 30, 2015

8:45-9:00 am Welcome and Review of Conference Goals and Agenda

9:00 am - Noon

Keynote presenter:

Dr. Thomas Guskey - Professor at the University of Kentucky

Grading and Reporting Student Progress to Enhance Learning

About the presenter:

Thomas Guskey is a graduate of the University of Chicago's renowned Measurement, Evaluation, and Statistical Analysis (MESA) Program. His research and writing focus primarily on professional development and teacher change, assessment of student learning, grading and reporting, program evaluation, instructional effectiveness, and educational reform. He served on the Policy Research Team of the National Commission on Teaching & America's Future, on the Task Force to develop the National Standards for Staff Development, and recently was named a Fellow in the American Educational Research Association, one of the Association's highest honors. Dr. Guskey's publications include 18 books, 36 book chapters, and over 200 journal articles and professional papers. His most recent books include *Developing Standards-Based Report Cards* (Corwin, 2010), *Practical Solutions for Serious Problems in Standards-Based Grading* (Corwin, 2009), *The Principal as Assessment Leader* (Solution Tree, 2009), *The Teacher as Assessment Leader* (Solution Tree, 2009), *Benjamin S. Bloom: Portraits of an Educator* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2006). His course offerings center on research and evaluation design, quantitative analysis techniques, and educational reform and change. Dr. Guskey holds a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago, M.Ed. in Educational Psychology from Boston College, and a B.A. in Physics from Thiel College.

Noon - 1:30 pm

Lunch

1:30 - 3:00 pm

Continuation of program on creating and improving grading practices for educators
Dr. Thomas Gusky

3:00 - 5:00 pm

Update on school reform efforts

Wednesday July 1, 2015

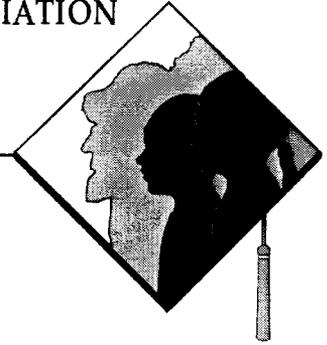
8:45-9:00 am Welcome and Review of Conference Goals and Agenda

9:00 am – 11:30 Review of changes and discussion of preparations for the 2015-16 School Year with state leaders.

- Review and discussion of new laws enacted by the Legislature and Rules from Divisions of government.
- Overview of successful school reform efforts throughout NH and sharing of best practices.
- Discussion of leaders concerns
- Sharing of recommended readings and research for colleagues to share through the summer.
- Overview of professional development for the 2015-16 school year.

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INVOICE

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Description:

*Contribution to Support
The Commissioner of Education's Conference on
Educational Leadership and NHSAA Annual Meeting
on
June 28 – July 1, 2015
at the
Mountain View Grand
Whitefield, New Hampshire*

Conference Sponsorship – speaker fees & expenses,
supplies, site fees, audio/visual equipment \$25,000.00

Total Due: \$25,000.00

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Thank you!