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June 2, 2016

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

**Requested Action**

Authorize the New Hampshire Department of Education to accept and expend the Network for Transforming Educator Preparation (NTEP) funds in the amount of \$55,000 from the Council for Chief State School Officers (CCSSO); effective upon Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2017. 100% Private Local Funds.

Funds to be Budgeted as Follows:  
Account: 06-56-56-563510-51120000 NTEP

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Fiscal Year 2017</u>
<u>Income</u>		
005-407991	Private Local Funds	(\$55,000)
<u>Expenditures</u>		
020-500200	Current Expenses	\$ 5,000
070-500704	In-State Travel	\$ 1,000
080-500713	Out-of-State Travel	\$ 4,000
102-500731	Contracts for Program Services	<u>\$45,000</u>
	Total	<u>\$55,000</u>

### Explanation

The New Hampshire Department of Education has entered a partnership with the Council for Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) to design and implement policies and practices that support the state in ensuring educator preparation programs are preparing teacher and leader candidates to be ready on the first day they enter a school and classroom in NH. Through this partnership, The New Hampshire Department of Education has been awarded a two year *Network for Transforming Educator Preparation* (NTEP) Grant through CCSSO in the amount of \$55,000. NTEP is committed to working with peer states, collaborators, and stakeholder groups who share an interest in changing and impacting how we prepare future generations of educators. The network's focus is anchored on state redesign of educator licensure policies, program approval, and data collection, analysis and reporting.

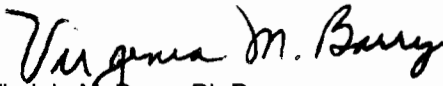
Through this partnership CCSSO and collaborators will provide NH ongoing technical assistance, supports, and continued coordination to advance the state's educator preparation transformation agenda.

The following appropriation authorities are being requested:

Class 020	Current expenses – To cover general supplies and printing.
Class 070	In-State Travel expenses – Travel related to attendance at committee meetings.
Class 080	Out-of-State Travel Expenses – Travel for committee members to attend out of state meetings related to program implementation.
Class 102	Contract for Program Services – For contractor services to assist in developing and piloting a data management tracking system.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Commissioner of Education



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Dear Commissioner Barry,

This letter serves as confirmation that CCSSO has received funds from private donors to support and fund a network of states and collaborators to transform educator preparation, NTEP (Network for Educator Preparation).

NTEP is charged with supporting selected states through an application process to rethink and reinvent educator preparation in four major areas: licensure; program approval; data collection, management, and analytics; and stakeholder engagement.

I am pleased to inform you that NH has been selected as one of the fourteen states in this network. To support the first year of work, CCSSO will award the applicant agency, the New Hampshire Department of Education, a grant of \$55,000. Upon CCSSO's release of funds, NH will have the authority to accept and expend the monies provided as a result of engagement in this network.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Saroja Barnes".

Saroja Barnes, PhD, NBCT  
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