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His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu  
and the Honorable Council  
State House  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

**REQUESTED ACTION**

Authorize the Department of Education, Bureau of Assessment and Accountability to hold a two-day conference on October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, for a total conference cost not to exceed \$2,500 to provide training, professional development, and technical assistance to superintendents, principals, teachers, and testing coordinators, effective upon Governor and Council approval through November 30, 2023. 100% Federal Funds.

Funds are available in the account titled Federal Accountability in FY2024 as follows:

|  |               |
|--|---------------|
| 06-56-56-567010-30590000-020-500200 Supplies | <u>FY2024</u> |
|  | \$2,500       |

**EXPLANATION**

The New Hampshire Department of Education (NHED), Bureau of Assessment and Accountability oversees and administers the state assessment program, which includes the NH Student Assessment System (NHSAS) General Assessment in mathematics, English/language arts, and science, the SAT Suite for high school Juniors, the ACCESS assessment of English language proficiency, the Dynamic Learning MAPS (DLM) for students with cognitive disabilities, the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), and international assessments including Trends in Mathematics and Science (TIMS) and Program for International Student Assessment (PISA). These assessment systems make up the state assessment program, which are required in all schools under state and federal statute.

In its ongoing mission to provide support and technical assistance to schools and districts in the implementation of the assessment program, the Department will hold a two-day conference that will cover a variety of topics in assessment and accountability. The two-day conference will be held at the Department of Education at 25 Hall Street in Concord and will include multi-track

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training sessions in a variety of topics including academic standards, test monitoring and security, AI scoring, AP exams, state and federal accountability systems, data interpretation, new digital SAT changes, iPlatform, special education accommodations, formative assessments, and student growth.

This conference will provide a valuable opportunity for practitioners in the field to hear presentations, participate in discussions directly with Department and vendor staff, and learn from their peers. This will also provide the Department with the opportunity to hear from stakeholders in the field regarding implementation issues and current training and professional development needs. It is the expectation of the Bureau that this 2-day statewide conference will become an annual event, contingent upon the continued availability and appropriate of Federal Funds.

Facilitation of the workshops being offered both days will be provided by the dedicated members of the NHED Assessment staff. There will be no additional contracts associated with this conference.

Respectfully Submitted,



Frank Edelblut  
Commissioner of Education

**Estimate of Cost**

The Bureau of Assessment and Accountability is seeking permission to host a 2-day conference for assessment coordinators, principals, superintendents, and staff members to provide technical support and training to stakeholders on the statewide assessment system. Based on our current plan, we anticipate the following costs:

| <b>Item Description</b>  | <b>Providers</b> | <b>Est. Unit Amount</b> | <b>Total Est. Amount</b> |
|--|------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Miscellaneous Supplies Only:<br>Name Tags, Signage, Printing Agendas, Table Covers, etc. | TBD              | N/A                     | \$2,500                  |
|  |                  |                         | <b>\$2,500</b>           |



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**2023 Statewide Assessment and Accountability Conference (DRAFT)**

**DAY 1:**

8:00 – 8:30 AM Registration

8:30 – 8:50 AM Welcome and Keynote

9:00 – 9:50 AM Session 1

Introduction to NAEP and the new NAEP Standards

Lexiles and Quantiles

Test Security and Monitoring

Introduction to the Dynamic Learning MAPS

10:00 – 10:50 AM Session 2

Essays and AI scoring

AP exams

The new SIS: ALMA

Understanding NAEP data

**\*\* Lunch Period – Attendees are asked to bring their own lunch or to seek options in Concord\*\***

1:00 – 1:50 PM Session 3

Introduction to the ACCESS test

Understanding student accommodations

Introduction to the NH Accountability System

What is Student Growth?

2:00 – 2:50 PM Session 4

Using iPlatform, iReport, and iAchieve

Updates to the state accountability system

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