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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Utah State Board of Education

FROM: Martell Menlove, Ph.D.
Chief Executive Officer

DATE: April 4, 2014

ACTION: SAGE Item Sharing and Licensing

Background:

In order to develop the SAGE computer adaptive test with a short timeline and with sufficient numbers of questions in the item bank, Utah entered into an item sharing agreement with Hawaii and Delaware. This agreement allowed a sharing of items; Utah items went to Hawaii and Delaware; Hawaii and Delaware items came to Utah. Of the 11,783 items in the SAGE item bank, 332 items were developed in Hawaii and 319 items were developed in Delaware. All of these items were subjected to the Utah item review committees and received any appropriate changes. This was a no-cost sharing agreement.

Florida has decided to develop their own assessment system for administration in spring 2015. Due to the short timeline, there is not time for Florida to develop their own items. They have contracted with AIR to develop their own assessment system and will lease some Utah items.

Key Points:

No cost Item sharing agreements allow Utah to add items to the SAGE item bank at reduced costs. All items are reviewed and approved by all item review committees.

Item licensing agreements can benefit Utah through increased revenue to pay for increased numbers of items in the item bank, enhancements to the assessment system and potential opportunities to compare Utah student performance to the student performance of other states.

Anticipated Action:

The Board will discuss the information and provide guidance to staff as to future responses to states requesting item sharing agreements at no cost and requests for item licensing agreements with cost.

Contact: Judy Park, 801-538-7550

March 26, 2014

Ms. Judy Park
Associate Superintendent
Utah State Office of Education
250 East 500 South
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

Subject: Licensing Utah SAGE to Florida

Dear Ms. Park,

The purpose of this letter is to document our understanding regarding American Institutes for Research's (AIR) licensing of Utah's SAGE items for the Florida Standards Assessment.

After our discussions, we included the following language in our Best and Final Offer to Florida:

FLORIDA BEST AND FINAL OFFER

SAGE

The Utah State Office of Education (USOE) has agreed to license SAGE items to Florida for a license fee of \$1.50 per student per subject for the purpose of this ITN. We contacted USOE after negotiations and they offered this license fee arrangement, which is less expensive and less restrictive than the arrangement included in our original Price Reply.

USOE recognizes that Florida may need to, or may unintentionally, release items. In this case, USOE has agreed to allow release of the items selected by Florida for a price of \$5,000 per released item (intentional or otherwise) to reimburse USOE for the cost of replacing these items in the pool.

Florida has approximately 200,000 students in each grade 3-11, and each student will take both an ELA/L and Math assessment. Therefore, we calculated the license fee AIR will owe to Utah at approximately \$5,400,000 (200,000 students x 9 grades x 2 subjects x \$1.50).

At this point, Florida is planning only a 1-year license for testing in Spring 2015. It is possible that Florida will want to continue licensing SAGE items in certain grade/subjects in the future, depending on their item development progress.

Barry Levine
Managing Director, Business Development