Appendix 7

BOE Agenda Item Executive Summary
Date: August 10, 2023

Topic: Strategic Plan Comprehensive Needs Assessment by KU Center for Evaluation and Educational Leadership for Internal and External Stakeholder Feedback

Background Information: The Center for Evaluation and Educational Leadership (CEEL) at the University of Kansas submits the following proposal to Wichita Public Schools, USD 259, for a Comprehensive Needs Assessment to determine the level of stakeholder support in the WPS Strategic Plan. This CNA is the first phase of a multi-step process that will focus on the following essential questions/objectives. The current district goal is to have every student be future ready.

CEEL will provide a team of consultants and researchers to work with staff at WPS to facilitate the CNA process, along with coordinating with KSDE and TASN to gather relevant data to inform this study. Upon approval of this proposal, an initial meeting with key leaders at USD 259 will be scheduled to set a more formal scope of work that is customized to the needs of the district. Some of these proposed initiatives may change based on conversations with district leadership.

Work to be provided by CEEL will include:
1. Review of current strategic plan in WPS, along with relevant data to support the plan.
2. Review existing USD 259 culture and climate data that can inform the process.
3. Hold Focus Group interviews of key stakeholders at USD 259.
4. Gather additional survey data of key stakeholders at USD 259.
5. Review supports provided to USD 259 from KSDE and TASN.
6. Provide a comprehensive report with a set of key findings and recommendations for USD 259 to consider over the next 3-5 years in regard to the WPS strategic plan, including targeted supports for implementation and consideration in Phase II.

The cost of staff to support this proposal from the CEEL at the University of Kansas is in an amount not to exceed $78,000. The timeline for this CNA will be determined during the initial leadership interview once the contract is completed, but is anticipated that the final report will completed and presented during the month of November, 2023.