

Executive Committee

MEETING AGENDA



Date: November 22, 2024
Time: 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.
Location: LEARN, Room 107/ 44 Hatchedts Hill Road, Old Lyme, CT 06371

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- 1.** Review 2023-2024 Draft Audit
 - 1.1 CliftonLarsonAllen (CLA) Principal, Jessica Aniskoff, to present
- 2.** Review December 2024 Board of Directors' Agenda
- 3.** Tuition/Service Rates' Discussion
- 4.** Bid Waiver: Year 3 LEAP MSAP, New England Science and Sailing (NESS) at TFS
- 5.** Bid Waiver: UCLA/CRESST Center, 2024 MSAP Project/Five (5) Yr SECT SOARS
- 6.** Adjournment

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Board of Directors Regular Business MEETING AGENDA



Date: December 12, 2024
Time: 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Location: LEARN, Room 107/ 44 Hatchedts Hill Road, Old Lyme, CT 06371

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- 1. Call to Order:** Pledge of Allegiance
- 2. Audience and Guests:** Introductions
- 3. Public Comment:**
- 4. Reading and/or Review of Correspondence:**
 - 4.1** TBD
- 5. Superintendents' Perspective:** Norwich Acting Superintendent of Schools, Susan Lessard to present on strategic planning and important initiatives
- 6. Consent Agenda:**
 - 6.1 Approval of the DRAFT Minutes, Regular Business Meeting—November 14, 2024
 - 6.2 Approval of Budget Summary as of November 30, 2024
 - 6.3** Approval of Grant Applications—
- 7. Information from the Executive Director:**
 - 7.1 Hiring—Resignations and new hires, including trend reports
 - 7.2** Distributions — TBD
 - 7.3 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes, Regular Business Meeting—November 22, 2024
 - 7.4 LEARN Building Committee Meeting Minutes—November 22, 2024
 - 7.5 Legislative Updates
 - 7.6 LEARN Agency Updates

8. Old Business:

- 8.1 Office of Policy and Management (OPM) Regional Performance Incentive Program (RPIP) Grant
- 8.2 Revised Policy #4118.2/4218.2, Personnel (Certified/Non-Certified), Series 4000; “Prohibition of Sex Discrimination, Including Sex-Based Harassment’ Final Read

9. New Business:

- 9.1 Review 2023-2024 Draft Audit: **CliftonLarsonAllen (CLA) Principal, Jessica Aniskoff, to present**
- 9.2 LEARN Tuition/Service Rates 2025-2026

10. Educational Perspective:

11. Roundtable Discussion: *State involvement and management of Special Services; Cell Phones; Student Suicide; Disengaged Youth; Youth Mental Health Issues; and Educating Students on Social Media.*

12. Future Roundtable Topics:

13. Adjournment:

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BID WAIVER REQUEST

WAIVER FOR: New England Science and Sailing (NESS)

DATE OF REQUEST: 10/24/24

FISCAL YEAR OF PURCHASE OR SERVICES: FY 2025

DEPARTMENT: The Friendship School

SUPERVISOR OF PROGRAM: Jennifer Dowker and Jessica Silvestro

MATERIALS OR SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED:

NESS provides unique instructional experiences for students at TFS using the Museum approach as a strategy for exploring topics around the ocean, marine life, and conservation. Their instructional focus is tied to our key units of instruction - Me and My Family, Me and My Community, and Me and My World. They provide 2 Americorp team members in the school four days a week to deliver instruction and support the school community. In addition, they support family and community events through their thematic programs.

BID WAIVER REQUEST RATIONALE:

Sole source provider

RECOMMENDED BY: Maria Cuadros

DATE _____10/24/24_____

BID WAIVER REQUEST

WAIVER FOR: Rigorous Evaluation Services for 2024 MSAP Project: SECT SOARS

DATE OF REQUEST: November 1, 2024

FISCAL YEAR OF PURCHASE OR SERVICES: Five (5) year project: 10/1/24 – 9/30/29

DEPARTMENT/SCHOOL PROGRAM BUDGET CODE: 30270

SUPERVISOR OF PROGRAM: Dr. Ryan Donlon, Associate Executive Director and Project Director for the MSAP SECT SOARS project

MATERIALS OR SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED: Rigorous evaluation services as detailed in the attached Scope of Services

RECOMMENDED VENDOR/CONTRACTOR: Regents of the University of California on behalf of its Los Angeles Campus and its Center for Research on Evaluation Standards & Student Testing (CRESST)

COST OF REQUEST: \$373,585

BID/WAIVER REQUEST RATIONALE: UCLA/CRESST is a single-source provider with Magnet, MSAP, CT, and rigorous evaluation experience' federally approved in the MSAP application process; also evaluated grants for New Haven, Bridgeport, and CREC, UCLA/CRESST served as the rigorous evaluation provider for LEARN's previous two MSAP projects (2013-2016 and 2017-2022, and is currently serving as the rigorous evaluation provider for LEARN's current MSAP project (LEAP) as a subcontractor with LEARN's project evaluator: American Education Solutions. UCLA/CRESST was a subcontractor with LEARN (through our primary evaluation contractor, American Education Solutions) in the 2013 project, as well as in the beginning of the 2017 project. During the 2017 project, the two evaluations components were separated and LEARN entered into a direct relationships with UCLA/CRESST.

RECOMMENDED BY: Katherine Ericson, LEARN Executive Director DATE: _____