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BOARD AGENDA ITEM

ITEM NO: 3.10

BOARD MEETING DATE: Tuesday, August 11, 2026

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM: Approval of Addition of Education Associates, Inc. to the Sole Source Vendor List for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

SUBMITTED BY: Erin Matyjasik, Special Services Director

PRESENTED BY: Carolyn Seivert, Procurement Specialist

Presented for the governing board's review and approval is the addition of Education Associates, Inc. to the sole source vendor list for fiscal year 2026-2027.

The Education Associates Project Discovery Curriculum is a comprehensive, evidence-based transition and career education program designed specifically for students with diverse functional and special education needs. It fulfills critical post-secondary transition outcomes mandated under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Rather than serving as a simple textbook or static software program, each purchased Job Skills Module provides a complete, turnkey instructional ecosystem:

- **Hands-On Tactile Components:** Durable, real-world tools and physical work samples that allow students to practice concrete job tasks (e.g., medical assisting, culinary arts, retail, data entry).
- **Interactive Multimedia Materials:** Adapted digital and visual lessons that accommodate various reading levels, learning styles, and communication needs.

- **Standardized Career Assessments:** Prepackaged, validated baseline and progress-monitoring assessments to track student data, skill acquisition, and readiness for competitive employment.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: I move the governing board approve the addition of Education Associates, Inc. to the sole source vendor list for fiscal year 2026-2027, as presented.