

Northwest Missouri State University Board of Regents

Date of Meeting: July 30, 2026

Agenda Item: Northwest Regional Professional Development Center Contract

Lead: Provost and Vice President Dr. Rose Marie Ward

Open or Closed Agenda Item? OPEN

Issue description and proposal (as approved by the president):

The Northwest Regional Professional Development Center (NWRPDC) is contracted with the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) to provide professional development services to 59 public school districts in the 15-county northwest region. The NWRPDC has been housed at Northwest Missouri State University since its inception in 1995. It is one of nine RPDC's in Missouri with the common statewide mission to "build the capacity of educators and schools, through high quality professional learning, to maximize student success."

Funds support salary, benefits, regional and state required travel, equipment, materials and supplies for 17 full-time and four part-time staff who work at the center.

The funding amount for FY27 totals \$2,242,050. In accordance with the university's contract delegation policy, Board approval is needed for contracts totaling more than \$1 million.

Proposed resolution:

- I move to approve the FY27 Department of Elementary and Secondary Education contract in the amount of \$2,242,050 to fund the Northwest Regional Professional Development Center.