EXHIBIT H.9



STATE OF ARKANSAS Department of Finance and Administration

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June 13, 2017

Senator John Cooper, Co-Chairperson Representative Les Eaves, Co-Chairperson Uniform Personnel Classification and Compensation Plan Subcommittee Arkansas Legislative Council State Capitol Building, Room 315 Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Dear Co-Chairs:

The Office of Personnel Management submits a request for the continuation of a previously approved salary administration grid for FY18 from Northwest Technical Institute (NTI).

NTI has offered a training program for their vocational instructors that do not hold an Arkansas teaching license. This Performance Based Teacher Education (PBTE) program has proved to be an excellent training program for those employees with strong vocational skills but in need of formal instructional training and experience. These achievements and their corresponding pay adjustments are only applicable for the following classifications: Career & Technical Faculty (E027C), Nurse Instructor (L036C), and Specialized Technical Faculty (E018C). NTI's salary administration grid allows for adjustments to be made to those individuals that complete following levels of the continuing education program:

Pay Adjustment
3%
3%

The cost of this salary administration grid during the past fiscal year was \$1,254. After review of NTI's request, the Office of Personnel Management **recommends** the approval of the continuation of its salary administration grid for FY18. Your consideration of this request is greatly appreciated.

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State Personnel Administrator

Chief Fiscal Officer of the State

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Abby Simmons

From:Mike Hamley < mhamley@nwti.edu>Sent:Thursday, June 01, 2017 2:09 PMTo:Abby SimmonsSubject:RE: Please Call Me 501-682-5198

Abby,

NTI had one employee that received the 3 per cent raise. The cost of that employee receiving the raise for Fiscal Year 2017 will be \$1,253.76. However, there are some years that we have more than one employee and some years there are not any.

Thanks,

Mike Hamley V P Finance & Operations Northwest Technical Institute (479)751-8824 Ext 106

From: Abby Simmons [mailto:<u>Abby.Simmons@dfa.arkansas.gov</u>] Sent: Thursday, June 01, 2017 1:50 PM To: Don Raines (<u>draines@nwti.edu</u>); Mike Hamley Subject: Please Call Me 501-682-5198

Good afternoon,

It is very urgent either one of you call me in regards to personnel committee action.

Your OPM Analyst,

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NORTHWEST TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

Ms. Kay Barnhill, State Personnel Administrator Department of Finance and Administration Office of Personnel Management 5907 West 7th St., Suite 201 Post Office Box 3278 Little Rock, AR 72203-3278

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May 1, 2017

Re: Salary Grid – Performance Based Teacher Education Program

Dear Ms. Barnhill,

A salary grid is currently in place for full-time instructors participation the Performance Based Teacher Education program (PBTE). Participation in the PBTE program is a requirement for Career & Technical Faculty, Specialized Technical Faculty or Nurse Instructor who at the time of hire, into a full time position, does not hold a current Arkansas teachers license. It is possible for instructors to obtain two 3% salary increases provided they meet the program requirements. We are requesting authorization to continue with the salary grid in fiscal year 2017/2018.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please feel free to contact me if you should have any questions or require additional information.

Respectfully,

Mike Hamley

Vice President Finance and Operations Northwest Technical Institute

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