

Abilene Independent School District Board Document - Agenda Item IV

Meeting Date: December 12, 2024

Meeting Type: Special Called Meeting

Item Type: Action Item

Future Action Required: Yes

If Yes, Month: December

Subject: LASO Grant: Strong Foundations Implementation

Background Information:

The [System of Great Schools \(SGS\)](#) Network helps Texas school district leaders ensure that more students have access to better schools every year by increasing the number of high-quality, best-fit options. Abilene ISD has chosen to participate in this network to receive support in building a district of great schools that will result in higher quality options for our students and families.

The Learning Acceleration Support Opportunities (LASO) Grant program opened on October 14th and closes December 13th. Within the LASO grant program, there are several grant opportunities we are pursuing.

Last fall, AISD applied for two grants in the LASO Grant program. The Strong Foundations Planning Grant which allowed the district to build a Framework in Reading Language Arts K-12. An application for the School Action Fund grant for Mann Middle School was also made. Both grants were awarded. The Reading Language Arts Framework can be found in the attachments below.

The Strong Foundations Implementation grant will provide High Quality Instructional Materials for our elementary campuses. A closely related grant entitled, Strong Foundations Implementation School Improvement PLC, will further support the implementation of high quality instructional materials specifically with professional learning communities.

The Technology Lending grant will allow our district additional funds to support the purchase of devices for Mann Middle School to implement their high quality instructional materials.

The School Action Fund grant would allow us to explore the opportunity to plan innovative strategies on one or more of our “targeted” or “comprehensive” campuses. These grants would be planning grants with the possibility of extension for an additional two years. Within the School Action Fund, there is also the opportunity to plan what it would take to consider partner-managed opportunities in our district.

Attached Supporting Documents:

[Framework Poster - AISD.pdf](#)

Fiscal Implications:

Administrative Recommendation:

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