

Agenda Topic: Teacher Mentorship and Retention of Effective Teachers Grant Award
Meeting Date: August 18, 2026
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Background:

Lauretta Dawolo Towns, F.O.C.U.S. (Future Oriented Community of United Support) teacher on special assignment, was awarded a FY27 grant by the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) for the Teacher Mentorship and Retention of Effective Teachers Grant (TMRG) Program in the amount of \$250,000. MDE makes this grant available from the State of Minnesota for the development and expansion of mentoring, induction, and retention programs and affinity group networks designed for teachers of color or American Indian teachers. This is the seventh grant award received by the district for this program, with total funding of \$975,142.66.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the board approve the receipt of the FY27 Teacher Mentorship and Retention of Effective Teachers grant award.

 X Action Required

 Informational – No Board Action Requested