

Governing Board Agenda Item

Meeting Date:	March 13, 2025
From:	Joshua Bayne, Executive Director of State and Federal Programs
Subject:	Arizona Department of Education Arizona School Nurse Workforce and Equipment Grant
Priority:	To ensure that students are safe, known and valued
Consent [X]	Action [] Discussion []

Background:

Marana Unified School District has been awarded \$24,487 as part of the Arizona School Nurse Workforce and Equipment Grant. The purpose of the grant is to optimize the health of school-age children through the workforce development of school nurses and school-based health services personnel (RN, LPN, Unlicensed Assistive Personnel). As a competitive grant offered by the Arizona Department of Education, the application was open to all K-12 Arizona public school districts or charter schools to request funds to support the purchase of health office equipment necessary to perform the duties of the health office position and/or invest in health office workforce development activities to augment school-based healthcare.

Allowable use of funds may include, but is not limited to:

- Equipment for the school health office
- Health office supplies (Stop the Bleed kits, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), items for emergency go bags)
- Funds to support professional development and training opportunities (conferences, train the trainer opportunities, related training curriculum in school nursing, mental health, emergency preparedness, or other related topics, National Association of School Nurses books, etc.)
- Staff time to receive workforce development if it occurs outside of contract hours
- Conference registration and travel fees related to the school nurse profession
- Professional state and national memberships

The MUSD Health Services Department, under Director Nicole Pargas, plans to use the funds for school nurses to attend the National Association of School Nurses conference and to purchase CPR training equipment and first aid supplies. All funds must be encumbered by June 30, 2025.

Recommended Motion:

I move that the Governing Board approve acceptance of the Arizona School Nurse Workforce and Equipment Grant.

Approved for transmittal to the Governing Board:

Dr. Daniel Streeter, Superintendent

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