

Board Report
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Federal Programs Final Allocations

We received our final funding allocations for our Title programs. We received minimal adjustments, seeing an increase of \$380 in Title IA and a decrease of \$200 in Title IIA.

Professional Learning Community Model

We were allowed an opportunity to apply for additional funds from the SDE. These funds will allow several members of our District Leadership Team to attend the PLC (Professional Learning Community) Training this summer. This is a training Rob attended last year. Our students will be the beneficiaries of having additional personnel trained in this collaborative model. We were awarded \$13,934.44 for this project.

Reallocated Funds Application

We also have submitted an application to the SDE for reallocated funds. These funds would provide Homedale Middle School students with the AVID College Readiness System, which is designed to help students achieve academically. The start-up costs for implementing an AVID program are high we believe the value of training, materials, and support for students is well worth the outlay. We have contemplated beginning an AVID program for some time, but our cuts in funding due to sequestration have left the district unable to move forward. We have requested \$18,116 from the SDE to provide the resources and training to begin the program at the middle school. We expect to hear about the status of the application by the end of January.

January 17 Professional Development Day

For this professional development day we are relying on our in-house experts to provide support to teachers. We have designed multiple workshop sessions presented by staff members. Teachers will be able to choose multiple sessions to visit, from technology topics to music in the classroom, from lab activities to stress management. We appreciate the willingness of our staff to share their best practices with others.

ISEE Phase II B Grant Activities Update

- The Homedale, Marsing, and Bruneau-Grandview Science and Social Studies teachers are completing their work on reading and writing strategies that support the Idaho Core.
- The administrators of the three districts are working collaboratively on the Danielson model through the Teachscape videos.
- We have additional training in Discovery Education lined up for Saturdays in February and March. These Saturday trainings were popular with Homedale staff last year; this year it will be available to all three districts.