



Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative

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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Members of the MVSEC Executive Advisory Board

FROM: Carla Cumblad, Executive Director

RE: Grants Update

IDEA

The final IDEA Amendments for FY12 have been submitted and approved. The anticipated FY13 allocations for the districts are in the attached table. ISBE has not yet opened the application process. However, district representatives are working on their portions of the grant to be ready by the submission date of June 15. In order to submit the application, districts must first address maintenance of effort issues that may be of concern.

Safe Schools

The Safe Schools grant has been submitted for \$146,500. It should be noted that funding for Safe Schools and the Truancy Alternative Opportunities Programs are in jeopardy from the state level. Final bills have been submitted for this year's programming.

Alternative Learning Opportunities Program (ALOP)

The ALOP Application has been approved with a request for minor changes that will be completed next week.

Illinois Association of Special Education Administrators Innovation Grant

Earlier in the year, MVSEC was awarded a grant of \$1,200 to purchase one iPad and provide professional development in video modeling and use of the iPads for students with autism. The workshop has been provided and staff are working on the implementation and their presentation for the Winter session of IAASE in February.

Kiwanis

Earlier in the year, MVSEC was awarded a \$1,000 grant for playground equipment for students with disabilities. The wheelchair swing has been purchased and will be installed on the MJC playground for students to use during the Extended School Year Program.

Learning Ally Grant

MVSEC recently received an award from Learning Ally. It provides an Institutional Membership funded by ISBE for 50 audiobooks. In addition, it provides 3 "ReadHear" software licenses and 2 iPod Touch devices with a free Learning Ally Application.