

Board Report
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School Improvement Grant

Schools in improvement status (based on last year's Star ratings) are able to apply for additional funds. We submitted an application for \$46,591 in order to support the middle school in their school improvement efforts. We requested funding for a part time middle school math coach position along with some additional training opportunities for staff. In that application we also requested services that can be supplied by the State. We have asked for participation in NISL (Network for Innovative School Leaders) for Ms. Winters, participation in the Superintendent's Network for Mr. Sauer, and the support from a Capacity Builder to work with the middle school and district. We will know about the status of the application sometime the first part of May.

WISE Tool

Both the district and middle school were required to submit plan to the SDE through the WISE (Ways to Improve Instructional Effectiveness) tool. The middle school's was approved; the district's was not. A minor revision was required and we expect our resubmission to occur this week. The deadline for resubmittal is June 1.

National Migrant Conference

Amy, Terri, and I just returned from the National Migrant Conference. This yearly conference focuses on the unique needs of migrant students. Some of the sessions we attended were about technology and iPad apps for writing, parent leadership, regulations and allowable expenses, and social strategies to help migrant students connect to their school. With Marsing staff also in attendance it allowed an opportunity to collaborate with their district. It was energizing to be part of rich conversation around what *is* possible for kids. Conference attendance was paid for with Title I-C Migrant funds.

Idaho Prevention Conference

As part of the 21st CCLC grant, Homedale Elementary is required to send afterschool staff members to the Prevention Conference. This conference, held on April 17-18, focuses on programs for afterschool programs. Attendees will be: Dave Correa, Robyn Chandler, Maricela Guzman, Carol McMichael, Dee Antonucci, Christine and Nick Ketterling, and Sgt. McFetridge. Conference attendance is paid for with 21st CCLC grant funds. (Homedale Middle School's Sally Gonser has been asked to be a presenter. Way to go, Sally!)