



**Three Rivers School District**  
*Quality Education Runs Deep*

## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

**Board Meeting Date:** May 16, 2017

**Superintendent:** Dave Valenzuela

**Administrator/Staff:** Jessica Durrant

**Type of Item:** ☐ *Informational* ☒ *Action*

**Please state your proposal briefly and clearly. What do you want the board to know, discuss, or decide?**

We would like to apply for a \$60,000 McKinney Vento grant from the Oregon Department of Education in conjunction with Grants Pass School District. Activities in the grant will be in place during the 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years. The main focus of the grant is to fund a position through the Maslow Project that will support all students living in Josephine County and are homeless. This person will work directly with the McKinney Vento Director from both districts (Jessica Durrant and Todd Bloomquist) to identify families in need and help them with any assistance necessary. Grant money will also be used to provide training for staff and parents in both districts, student supplies, and a small percentage of the needed transportation to support these students.

**Provide history/background information on your proposal:**

The McKinney-Vento Act ensures that homeless children and youth are provided a free, appropriate public education, despite lack of a fixed place of residence or a supervising parent or guardian. The purpose of the McKinney-Vento Grant is to facilitate the enrollment, attendance and school success of homeless children and youth. This past year, both school districts have worked with the Maslow Project to provide wrap-around services for families who are homeless. The focus of this goal is to provide funds to Maslow Project to provide a person to focus solely on students and families in Josephine County. While based in Medford, the Maslow has worked tirelessly to help those students in Three Rivers and Grants Pass School Districts. The funds we would receive from this grant will secure funding to make sure these families get the support they need.

**List the advantages of your proposal:**

When families are homeless and in need of assistance, it is vital to coordinate resources in the community. Maslow Project has successfully helped hundreds of families in Southern Oregon and are very skilled in getting help to families in need. Due to the high rate of mobility, having the same person help families in both school districts will aide in a smooth transition if necessary.

**List possible disadvantages of your proposal:**

None known.

**List possible alternatives that could also offer a solution to your proposal. Why were they not recommended?**

Both districts could rely on any help that Maslow Project could allocate to the region. We are experiencing a high level of homeless families and are concerned that this would not be sufficient help for our families and students.

**Superintendent's recommendation(s):**

**Approve:** Yes ☒ No ☐

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