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Memo

To: Dr. Wise, Superintendent & Board of Education
From: Sean Rhoads, Director of Student Services
Date: May 10, 2023
Re: Federal Consolidated Grants Plan (ESSA) - District Consolidated Plan (DCP)

Last spring, the Board of Education reviewed our first Federal Consolidated Grants Plan. This is an annual submission. The 2023-24 Federal Consolidated Grants Plan is attached for your review. The 2023-24 District Consolidated Plan (DCP) will continue to maximize deliverable funds to improve our instructional programs. This plan is a result of ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) and ISBE's desire to streamline the grant application and maintenance process. The DCP focuses on the development and achievement for every student and staff member in D66 by ensuring that teaching and learning sessions, as well as other opportunities, meet Goals 1 and Goal 2 of the Strategic Plan. Furthermore, in order to reach the needs of all students, partial funding received will be put towards reading interventionist salaries and benefits, as well as towards additional instructional reading materials for students receiving intervention services under our MTSS model. In regards to the various Title Grants that go hand in hand with the DCP, Title II funds will be used towards providing professional development opportunities for staff in the areas of reading, math, and social-emotional learning, as well as for developing programs and activities that increase the ability of teachers to effectively teach children with disabilities, English learners, and students accessing our MTSS model for both academic and positive behavioral support. Title IV dollars will be used towards providing students with mandated Erin's Law education, community members through Parent University(s) educated on essential topics in education (i.e., internet safety and strategies to support reading and math in the home setting). Additionally, Title IV funding will continue to be used towards our 5th Grade Sexual Education learning outcomes. District 66 will utilize Title V funds towards classroom paraprofessionals' salaries and benefits and professional development for staff in supporting students with Individualized Educational Plans (IEPs), sensory tools and supports for students, and fees associated with our special education cooperative. District 66 will utilize funds towards classroom paraprofessionals' salaries and benefits. As for our IDEA, Part B Grant, partial funding will be used for our preschool classroom paraprofessional salaries and benefits.