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Memo

To: Dr. Wise, Superintendent & Board of Education
From: Sean Rhoads, Director of Student Services
Date: April 29, 2026
Re: Federal Consolidated Grants Plan (ESSA) - District Consolidated Plan (DCP)

Every spring, the Board of Education evaluates our initial Federal Consolidated Grants Plan, an annual submission. The Federal Consolidated Grants Plan for 2025-26 is now available for your review. The 2026-27 Consolidated District Plan (CDP) aims to optimize the allocation of funds to enhance our instructional programs. The initiative is rooted in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and the Illinois State Board of Education's (ISBE) efforts to simplify the grant application and management process. The CDP is dedicated to fostering the development and achievement of every student and staff member in District 66 by ensuring that teaching and learning sessions, along with other opportunities, align with Goals 1 and 2 of our Strategic Plan.

Regarding the numerous grants associated with the CDP, we will use Title I funds to address the needs of all students. A portion of these funds will support the salaries and benefits of reading interventionists. Additionally, funds will be allocated for extra instructional reading materials and interventions for students who are part of our MTSS model. Title II funds from Title Grants will be allocated to offer professional development for staff in reading, math, and social-emotional learning. These funds will also support the development of programs and activities that enhance teachers' abilities to instruct children with disabilities, English learners, and students who participate in our MTSS model for academic and behavioral support. Title IV funds will support mandated student instruction such as Erin's Law and 5th grade sexual education, parent engagement through workshops and Parent Universities, and well-rounded educational opportunities including digital learning, bully prevention, relationship-building, and the promotion of supportive school discipline practices. District 66 will allocate IDEA Flow Through funds to cover the salaries and benefits of classroom paraprofessionals and for professional development of staff who support students with Individualized Educational Plans (IEPs). These funds will also be used for sensory tools and supports for students, as well as any fees associated with our special education cooperative. A portion of our IDEA, Part B Grant will be dedicated to the salaries and benefits of preschool classroom paraprofessionals.