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# **Governing Board Agenda Item**

Meeting Date: August 14, 2025

From: Joshua Bayne, Executive Director of State and Federal Programs

Subject: FY26 Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grants

Priority: To provide rigorous, relevant, and innovative academics

Consent [X] Action [] Discussion []

## **Background:**

Marana Unified School District (MUSD) received the Nita M. Lowey 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Grants for the following sites: Butterfield Elementary, Estes Elementary, DeGrazia Elementary, Ironwood Elementary, Picture Rocks Elementary, Quail Run Elementary, Roadrunner Elementary, and Marana Middle. These grants support lower income/high need school sites and provide students' academic and enrichment opportunities that extend beyond the school day and throughout the summer.

Awarded sites are eligible to receive funds for five years contingent upon grant compliance and funding availability. Through this grant, MUSD school sites have been able to offer a wide-range of classes such as: tutoring, 3D printing, chess, martial arts, STEM, pottery, cooking, guitar, and archery. Parent engagement is provided through a variety of family programs such as: literacy classes, school movie nights, and take home family activities.

#### **Source:**

This is a federal grant from the U.S. Department of Education and administered by the Arizona Department of Education.

**Amount: Total 2025-2026 Awards: \$900,000** 

## **Newly awarded 21st Century Grants:**

Butterfield Elementary- in year 1 of the grant-\$120,000 Estes Elementary- in year 1 of the grant-\$120,000 Ironwood Elementary- in year 1 of the grant-\$120,000

## **Continuing 21st Century Grants:**

Roadrunner Elementary- in year 2 of the grant- \$120,000 Marana Middle- in year 2 of the grant- \$120,000 DeGrazia Elementary- in year 3 of the grant- \$120,000 Quail Run Elementary- in year 4 of the grant- \$90,000 Picture Rocks Elementary- in year 5 of the grant- \$90,000

#### **Recommended Motion: Approve**

I move that the Governing Board approve acceptance of the FY26 Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grants.

Approved for transmittal to the Governing Board:

Dr. Daniel Streeter, Superintendent

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# **Governing Board Agenda Item**

Meeting Date: August, 14, 2025

From: Joshua Bayne, Executive Director of State and Federal Programs

Subject: FY26 K-3 Dyslexia Training Grant

Priority: To provide rigorous, relevant, and innovative academics

Consent [X] Action [] Discussion []

## **Background:**

Marana Unified School District's State and Federal Programs received the FY26 K-3 Dyslexia Training Grant. Per A.R.S. §15-211, this grant will provide funding to procure training from the approved Arizona Department of Education list for a maximum of \$2,500 per K-3 educator, Literacy Coach, or Literacy Specialist per school that serves K-3 students. Districts can not apply for more than two educators per school to cover the following training:

Reading Instruction (I): Training in reading instruction centered around structured literacy and explicit and systematic instruction with diagnostic and multisensory practices.

Intensifying Instruction (II): Training focused on the elements of reading; however, it is adjusted to support strategies to use with students who need additional targeted intervention.

Understanding and Recognizing Dyslexia: This area of training is focused on the essential understandings of dyslexia, including the definition of dyslexia, brain research, common myths and misunderstandings, and common indicators of dyslexia.

**Source:** Arizona Department of Education

Amount: \$64,980.24

#### **Recommended Motion:**

I move that the Governing Board approve acceptance of the FY26 K-3 Dyslexia Training Grant.

Approved for transmittal to the Governing Board:

Dr. Daniel Streeter, Superintendent

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# **Governing Board Agenda Item**

Meeting Date: August, 14, 2025

From: Joshua Bayne, Executive Director of State and Federal Programs

Subject: Arizona Department of Education School Safety Program Continuation

Grant

Priority: To ensure that students are safe, known, and valued

Consent [X] Action [] Discussion []

#### **Background:**

Marana Unified School District received the School Safety Program Continuation Grant for the following sites: Estes Elementary, Picture Rocks Elementary, Gladden Farms Elementary, Marana Middle, Marana High, and Mountain View High. Per A.R.S. §15-154, the School Safety Program is established within the Arizona Department of Education to support, promote, and enhance safe and effective learning environments for all students by supporting the costs of placing School Resource Offices, Juvenile Probation Officers, School Counselors, and School Social Workers on school campuses.

Awarded schools will be part of a continuing three-year cohort which runs through June 30, 2026.

**Source:** Arizona Department of Education

**Amount:** \$498,212.76

#### **Continuing School Safety Program Grants:**

Estes Elementary School - Counselor position in year 3 of the grant- \$67,815.37 Gladden Farms Elementary School - Counselor position in year 3 of the grant- \$75,270.26 Picture Rocks Elementary School - Counselor position in year 3 of the grant- \$75,270.26 Marana Middle School - School Resource Officer in year 3 of the grant- \$98,138.60 Marana High School - School Resource Officer in year 3 of the grant- \$123,997.11 Mountain View High School - Counselor position in year 3 of the grant- \$57,721.16

# **Recommended Motion:** I move that the Governing Board approve acceptance of the School Safety Program Continuation Grant. Approved for transmittal to the Governing Board: Dr. Daniel Streeter, Superintendent