## **Action Sheet**

MEETING DATE: March 31, 2021

AGENDA ITEM: Discuss and consider the submission of

the National Professional Development

**Program Grant for Galveston ISD.** 

The Department of Education is inviting applications for the National Professional Development Program for 2021. The purpose of the grant is to provide professional development activities that will improve classroom instruction for English learners (ELs) and assist educational personnel working with such children to meet high professional standards, including standards for certification and licensure as teachers who work in language instruction educational programs or serve ELs. Grantees have flexibility in designing programs to meet local needs to improve academic attainment of ELs. Projects funded under this program may be used for: effective professional development programs; the development of program curricula; support strategies that strengthen and increase parent, family and community member engagement; the development of effective practices in the instruction of ELs; costs related to certification or licensing requirements for teachers who serve ELs; and support strategies that promote school readiness of ELs.

Forty-two (42) awards will be given. The estimated range in awards is \$350,000 - \$600,000 annually for five years. The maximum amount is \$600,000.

**RECOMMENDATION:** 

I move that administration apply for the Professional Development Program Grant.

Dr. Jerry Gibson Superintendent

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