



# SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: May 20th, 2013

Agenda #                     

Staff/Administrator: Dave Valenzuela

Superintendent: Dan Huber-Kantola

Type of Item:       Informational       Action

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

A new RFP for a 21st Century Community Learning Center competitive grant has become available through ODE. We would like to apply for this grant on behalf of Illinois Valley High School, Lincoln Savage Middle School and Fleming Middle School. This five-year grant has the potential to bring \$500,000.00 per year to these three schools for years one, two and three. Funding would then fall to 75% in year four and to 50% in year five.

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

Three Rivers School District has applied for and received three 21st CCLC grants in the past. These grants have helped create robust and meaningful afterschool programs, summer school programs, community partnerships as well as helped us procure a significant amount of equipment and non-consumable items. Our poverty rates in the Illinois Valley and Williams areas have made us highly competitive for these grants. Free and reduced meal rates at LSMS and FMS have risen to 67% and 64% respectively over the past few years. These rates along with the nearly 80% free and reduced rate at Illinois Valley High School make these schools a good combination of demographics for the application of this grant.

**List the advantages of your proposal:**

This grant will allow these schools to provide authentic enrichment opportunities that address challenges posed by proficiency based learning, common core state standards, literacy standards and essential skills. We can offer support classes outside of the school day to address the academic needs of our students. In addition it provides us an opportunity to offer classes and activities that create a strong and lasting connection to school for our students by addressing their interests. Lastly, it allows LSMS and FMS to purchase technology and equipment otherwise not possible due to funding constraints.

**List possible disadvantages of your proposal:**

A commitment to collecting and reporting data to ODE is required as part of this grant. We already collect most of the data associated with this grant for other purposes and we are accustomed to collecting the rest as a result of our previous three 21st CCLC grants.

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

Not applying for the grant would result in a missed opportunity to bring supplemental funding into the district.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes  No