

June 12, 2014

The district seeks approval for the submission of the following grants.

East Heights Elementary is applying for an "Innovation Fund" grant to implement the "Project LAUNCH" K-5 curriculum. Project LAUNCH is the elementary version of Project Lead The Way and will engage students in hands-on, project based learning of science concepts. The grant is for \$10,000 and is for one year.

The district is applying for a federal "Now is the Time - Project AWARE" grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services/ Substance Abuse and Mental Health Support Agency (SAMSHA) to provide training for school staff and community agency staff in the Youth Mental Health First Aid curriculum. The training will help staff understand and recognize mental health/ behavioral issues in youth and learn the referral process for linking identified students and families to local resources. The grant is for \$50,000 a year for two years.

The district is applying for a federal "School Climate Transformation" grant from the U.S. Department of Education. The grant will provide services identified as unmet needs within the schools Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS) framework and will include "Life Skills" curriculum for grades 6-9, mental health counselors for elementary and middle school at-risk youth, a Project Director who will oversee the implementation of both federal grants and serve as the coordinator of all Student Behavioral Assistance programs within the district. Contractual services will be provided for Substance Abuse Counseling. The grant will be for \$275,000 per year for five years.

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