

DISBURSEMENT FROM THE NOVICE REDUCTION FUND

BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE: At the July 27, 2015 meeting of the Fayette County Board of Education, the Board approved a set aside of \$660,394 from state flex focus funds to be used for the district's Novice Reduction efforts. Bryan Station High School has been identified as a priority school by the Kentucky Department of Education. Staff has identified a number of needs for the school which include the addition of 2.7 interventionists to work with students who are in need of extra instructional support. The cost for the personnel will be deducted from the state flex focus funds.

Additionally, one of the goals for the coming year includes refining existing curriculum documents in Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science for grades Pre K-8 and create curriculum documents for required graduation courses for grades 9-12. Funds are being requested to cover the cost of creating these curriculum documents and writing common assessments in reading and math (\$41,040 for Elementary, \$21,960 for Middle and \$63,700 for High = total cost, \$126,700.

PROPOSAL: Approve the disbursement of \$158,036* from the Novice Reduction Fund for the employment of 2.7 interventionists at Bryan Station High School.

PROPOSAL:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Recurring/ Nonrecurring</u>	<u>Measurable Expected Impact and Timeline</u>
Funds for 2.7 Interventionists for Bryan Station High School	\$158,036*	Flexible Focus Funds	Nonrecurring	To provide additional support to students at Bryan Station High School to increase their aptitude by the end of the school year.
Funds for curriculum documents for all levels	\$126,700	Flexible Focus Funds	Nonrecurring	To refine existing curriculum documents in Language Arts, Math, Science for Pre K-8 and to create curriculum documents for required graduation courses for grades 9-2.

*represents District average cost

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POLICY REFERENCE:

01.11 (General Powers and Duties of the Board)

RECOMMENDATION:

A motion is in order to: “Approve the disbursement of funds in the approximate amount of \$158,036 from the Novice Reduction Fund for the employment of 2.7 interventionists at Bryan Station High School, and \$126,700 for the revision and creation of curriculum documents as recommended by staff.”