

**WOODFORD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
AGENDA ITEM**

**ITEM #:** VII F **DATE:** October 11, 2023

**TOPIC/TITLE:** Early Learning Bus Competitive Grant

**PRESENTER:** Kim Johnson, Preschool Director

**ORIGIN:**

- TOPIC PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION ONLY (No board action required.)
- ACTION REQUESTED AT THIS MEETING
- ITEM IS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR APPROVAL
- ACTION REQUESTED AT FUTURE MEETING: (DATE)
- BOARD REVIEW REQUIRED BY

- STATE OR FEDERAL LAW OR REGULATION
- BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY
- OTHER:

**PREVIOUS REVIEW, DISCUSSION OR ACTION:**

- NO PREVIOUS BOARD REVIEW, DISCUSSION OR ACTION
- PREVIOUS REVIEW OR ACTION

- DATE:
- ACTION:

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

As per Board policy all requests to submit and receive grants must be approved by Board of Education.

**SUMMARY OF MAJOR ELEMENTS:**

Permission to request and receive if awarded grant. OSEEL has announced funding support to assist 34 school districts across the state in converting a school bus into a mobile classroom to offer learning opportunities after school and during the summer for preschool students. The community and families therein will gain awareness of the significance of early childhood education, and caregivers will gain information on available resources and support programs. The bus will provide resources to help the districts locate, identify, and evaluate children who would be eligible for preschool. The district would provide the bus used if awarded the grant. Funding would be \$100,000 to transform a bus and purchase developmentally appropriate instructional materials for young children. There is no match required by the district. Only 7 grants will be awarded in the Anderson RTC area, of which Woodford is part. There are many requirements for the application and a scoring rubric is included for completeness. Discussions will need to include sustainability after Sept 30, 2024 and how the bus will be sustained.

**IMPACT ON RESOURCES:** This grant if awarded would require a school bus to be transformed into a preschool classroom. The application is lengthy and time will have to be spent on researching and writing the grant application.

**TIMETABLE FOR FURTHER REVIEW OR ACTION:** The competitive grant is due Nov 15, 2023 at 4pm.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:**  Recommended  Not Recommended

