

Proposed Grant Applications

WCSD Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology Meeting

11/22/2005

1. Quality Pre-K Partnership Grant

- a. WCSD has received a \$10,000 grant from PDE for the Quality Pre-K Grant Initiative. The grant will be used for planning activities associated with the establishment of 2 additional pre-Kindergarten classrooms in Warren County. In addition, the monies will help promote early childhood services in the county.
- b. WCSD is acting as the fiscal agent for the grant. Grant partners include the Warren-Forest Head Start Program, the Jefferson DeFrees Family Center, and the Public Libraries of Warren County.

2. Getting To One

- a. Getting to One seeks to promote data driven decision making in the classroom, provide 21st century skills to students and teachers, and ensure differentiated instruction for all students. Through a grant of up to \$50,000, the Pennsylvania Department of Education will provide trained integration mentors to 20 qualifying schools or school districts for one year. These mentors will:
 - i. Support teachers in delivering technology-enhanced, data-driven instruction through a differentiated approach that incorporates 21st century skills across the curriculum.
 - ii. Develop lesson plans that align with the state standards, focusing on identified areas of weakness among students in their schools
 - iii. Help to design school and classroom-based assessments that measure students' achievement of technology literacy as well as core subject areas specialists
 - iv. Provide schools with the foundation for this work and build the internal capacity of leaders and teachers to sustain and deepen this effort of transforming schools.

3. American Lung Association, Tobacco Cessation Program

- a. The WCSD has worked in the past with the American Lung Association (ALA) to apply for national tobacco settlement monies for tobacco education and cessation activities. The program will provide tobacco education activities at the secondary level. In addition, the grant proposal will request no smoking signage for school buildings and property that is in alignment with WCSD Policy 1415 – Tobacco Free Schools and 11401 – Community Use of Facilities.

4. Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries

- a. The Laura Bush Foundation provides grants of up to \$5,000 to school libraries to be used to update, extend and diversify the book collections of those libraries. All Laura Bush Foundation grants are made to individual schools rather than to school districts, foundations, or other entities.
- b. Preference is given to schools with 90% or more of the school population receives free or reduced lunch. Secondary schools may use verifiable Free/Reduced Lunch Price Data from feeder schools. Schools below 90% FRL will be considered if there is a lack of acceptable proposals at the higher levels.
- c. WCSD libraries have received this grant in the past. All libraries will be encouraged to participate in the grant.