

## **2009-10 Enhancing Education Through Technology (EETT) Grant**

Grant Overview: The EETT grant is a competitive grant offered through the Pennsylvania Department of Education. It is intended to fund proposals that demonstrate promise in creating fully-integrated 'smart classrooms' in eligible LEAs in grades 5-12 to support student learning and effective delivery of content.

The district is eligible to apply for up to \$219,000 in funding. A minimum of 25% of those funds must be dedicated to professional development related to the integration of advanced technologies, including emerging technologies, into curricula and instruction and in using those technologies to create new learning environments. Funding for technology coaches are an acceptable use of the professional development set aside.

The administration is considering an EETT project to equip science classrooms in grades 9-12 with an electronic interactive whiteboard and the supporting technology necessary for its effective use in those rooms. In addition, the grant would fund a teacher coach dedicated to supporting EETT-funded science teachers. The district teacher coach team would provide additional professional development opportunities throughout the year.

Amount of Award: \$219,000 maximum.

Due Date/Notification of Award: Due January 15, 2010. Notification may come in March/April 2010.

Alternatives if not Awarded: The proposed equipment will not be purchased at this time without the grant funding.

WCSD Resources Required: None.

Administrative Recommendation: That the Board of School Directors instructs the administration to apply for an Enhancing Education Through Technology Grant for up to \$219,000 for the purpose of equipping science classrooms in grades 9-12 with electronic interactive whiteboards and other necessary technology for their effective use, as well the required professional development to ensure that teachers have the tools to effectively use and integrate the equipment into their classroom activities.