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Food Service Equipment Grant Summary

Grant Overview: The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) is receiving \$720,976 to distribute to schools through a competitive grant process. Any school participating in the NSLP that did not receive an equipment grant through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Equipment Grant is eligible to apply. ARRA requires that a priority must be given to schools that have 50% or more students eligible for free or reduced price meals (using October 2010 Building Data). In addition, priority will be given to School Food Authorities that did not receive a grant through the ARRA Equipment Grant for any buildings.

Districts with multiple eligible buildings must submit a separate application for each building.

WCSD buildings qualifying for the equipment grant are Allegheny Valley Elementary School, Sheffield Elementary School and South Street Early Learning Center. Aramark has supplied a list of equipment needs for the district administration to consider.

Amount of Award: Award ceilings were not discussed in the grant guidelines.

Due Date/Notification of Award: Applications are due by June 17, 2011. Notification date is unknown.

Alternatives if not Awarded: If the application is rejected, the equipment will not be purchased unless it has been otherwise budgeted for.

WCSD Resources Required: Potential removal, installation, and disposal costs. The previous competition allowed for such costs to be included in the application.

Administrative Recommendation: That the Board of School Directors instructs the administration to develop a Food Service Equipment Grant application for any eligible building in the Warren County School District with identified food service equipment needs.