

Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Program Summary

Grant Overview: The United States Department of Agriculture Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) provides students with a fresh fruit or vegetable snack at school during the school day to increase their consumption of healthy foods, exposure to a variety of fruits and vegetables and promote a healthier school environment.

The 2008 Farm Bill expanded the program, which was previously only available to 25 schools in Pennsylvania. The number of schools selected each year is based upon federal funding. Participation is limited to elementary schools that participate in the National School Lunch Program with free and reduced eligibility rates at or above 50%. Grant amounts are determined by PDE using an enrollment-based formula. The program will be funded at approximately \$50-55/student/year to provide fresh fruits and vegetables to all elementary students at each awarded school at least three days a week throughout the school year.

The WCSD proposes submitting applications to the Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Program for the following schools: Beaty Warren Middle School, Sheffield Area Elementary School, Youngsville Elementary Middle School, and Warren Area Elementary Center.

Amount of Award: Between \$50-\$75 per student in each recipient school.

Due Date/Notification of Award: Due April 27, 2018.

Alternatives if not Awarded: None.

WCSD Resources Required: None.

Administrative Recommendation: The Board of School Directors instructs the administration to submit applications to the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program on behalf of Beaty Warren Middle School, Sheffield Area Elementary School, Youngsville Elementary Middle School, and Warren Area Elementary Center.