

2009-10 PA-Pact Grant Summary

Grant Overview: The PA-Pact Grant is administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, and encompasses the former Accountability Block Grant (ABG), Educational Assistance Program (EAP a.k.a. Tutoring), and the Basic Education Funding (BEF).

In the 2008-09 school year, the Warren County School District (WCSD) received \$1,778,765 in total funding: \$1,353,181 for ABG programs and \$425,584 for EAP. EAP funds were used to deliver tutoring across the district. ABG funds were used in the following manner:

- a) Tutoring Support: \$267,339
- b) Literacy and Math Coaching: \$197,099
- c) Full Day Kindergarten: \$757,859
- d) K-3 Class Size Reduction: \$58,249
- e) Professional Development: \$72,635

Guidelines for the new PA-Pact Program have not been released, nor has the application. This is due to a need for clarification regarding the impact from the ARRA Federal Stimulus Package on BEF.

At this time, the administration expects that both the ABG and EAP funding will be similar to 2008-09. There may be an increase in BEF allocation to the district as a result of the ARRA Stimulus, which we should know shortly.

The administration proposes using 2009-10 ABG and EAP funds in the same manner as 2008-09. When the amount of BEF funding is known, the district will have to provide a very general outline how a portion of those funds will be spent within the PA-Pact application. When guidelines and the application are released by PDE, the administration will be better able to answer any questions as necessary.

As a reference, the 2008-09 PA-Pact Allowable Expenditures Chart has been attached to the motion.

Amount of Award: Unknown at this time; possibly the same as 2008-09 (\$1,778,765).

Due Date/Notification of Award: The due date is June 1, 2009. This may change if the state continues to delay release of the application and guidelines. Notification may not be until August 2009.

Alternatives if not Awarded: PA-Pact is a state formula grant. Funds will be awarded with the submission of an acceptable application.

WCSD Resources Required: PA-Pact requires student assessment (4Sight, GMADE, DIBELS), placing demands on student schedules. Administrative support is covered

through the grant. All resources for activities are written into either EAP or ABG. A continuation of Full Day Kindergarten will require the district to cover those program costs that the grant cannot cover.

Administrative Recommendation: The administration supports pursuing PA-Pact for 2009-10 for programming similar to that offered through the grant in 2008-09.