

PA CARES Bullying Prevention Grant

Grant Overview: The Center for Safe Schools and the Pennsylvania Department of Education, through funding provided by the Highmark Foundation and its Highmark Healthy High 5 Initiative, are offering a grant for schools that are interested in implementing the research-based Olweus Bullying Prevention Program (OBPP). PA CARES (Creating an Atmosphere of Respect and Environment for Success) helps schools implement the OBPP through the provision of intensive technical assistance, materials and limited grant funds.

The district has received PA CARES funding to implement the Olweus program at Youngsville Elementary Middle School, Beaty Warren Middle School, Warren Area Elementary Center, and Sugar Grove Elementary School. Safe and Drug Free Schools funding has been used to implement the Olweus program at Sheffield Area Middle/High School and Eisenhower Middle/High School.

The district is currently exploring the possibility of writing a PA CARES grant to bring the Olweus program to Youngsville High School. Discussion with YHS is in the preliminary stages to determine eligibility and other factors.

Amount of Award: Up to \$7,500.

Due Date/Notification of Award: rolling submission date. Notification date unknown.

Alternatives if not Awarded: Olweus will not be implemented without grant funding.

WCSD Resources Required: None.

Administrative Recommendation: That the Board of School Directors instructs the administration to work with the administration at Youngsville High School to investigate the possibility of applying for PA CARES grant funds for the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program, and to assist YHS in designing and submitting a grant if it is determined that the building is eligible.