

Accountability Block Grant Summary 2011-12

Grant Overview: Each school district received additional State funding to supplement its Accountability Block Grant (ABG) Program. The additional amount will be approximately 38.5% of its 2010-11 allocation of ABG funds. All proposed expenditures require prior approval by PDE. The district may choose one or a combination of several spending options listed below:

- 1) 2010-11 Supplemental ABG option - offset previously approved expenses. The district may expend and retroactively journal funds in fiscal year 2010-11 to offset expenses that exceeded the original allocation for any 2010-11 ABG expenditures in program strategies previously approved by PDE. No new ABG program strategies may be selected for 2010-11 with these funds.
- 2) 2011-12 Supplemental ABG option – continuation. The district may request approval to expend funds in fiscal year 2011-2012 for continuation of any ABG program strategies previously approved by PDE for 2010-2011.
- 3) 2011-12 Supplemental ABG option - waiver. If the district cannot utilize all of its ABG funding for continuation or to offset expenses of previously approved programs, and wants to select new strategies for 2011-2012, it must submit a waiver request as part of this application. The district must explain the necessity of selecting new strategies instead of continuing previously approved programs.

The administration recommends option 2 for the ABG monies, and would use the ABG funds to pay for the salary and benefits for as many full day kindergarten teachers as the funding will allow.

Amount of Award: \$ 498,547.00

Due Date/Notification of Award: No due date listed in the information available.

Alternatives if not Awarded: Positions proposed for funding with grant monies are funded through existing WCSD budget dollars.

WCSD Resources Required: None.

Administrative Recommendation: That the Board of School Directors instructs the administration to submit an Accountability Block Grant application to the PA Department of Education in the amount of \$498,547, with funds being used to provide full day kindergarten teachers for the 2011-12 school year.