

## **Personalized Learning Grant Summary**

Grant Overview: The grant is designed to provide academic enrichment opportunities to increase student achievement focused around these personalized learning key concepts:

- **Learning is Personal:** Personalized learning recognizes that students engage in different ways and in different places. Students benefit from individually paced, targeted learning tasks that formatively assess existing skills and knowledge and that address the student's needs and interests.
- **Learning is Competency-Based:** Students move ahead when they have demonstrated mastery of content, not when they've reached a certain birthday or undergone the required hours in a classroom.
- **Learning Happens Anytime, Anywhere:** Learning takes place beyond the traditional school day and even the school year. The school's walls are permeable—learning is not restricted to the classroom.
- **Students Take Ownership Over Their Learning:** Student-centered learning engages students in their own success and incorporates their interests and skills into the learning process. Students support one another's progress and celebrate success.

The administration is considering an application to enhance the current Highly Gifted Program, which is already implementing personalized learning strategies. Grant funds would be used to enhance the program and refine areas of strength. Funds may be used for professional development, materials and resources in support of transition, technology, facility redesigns, onsite visits, etc.

Amount of Award: Up to \$50,000

Due Date/Notification of Award: Due October 28, 2016. Notification by November 11, 2016.

Alternatives if not Awarded: Activities will not take place without grant funding.

WCSD Resources Required: Attendance of the grant team to the SAS Institute in Hershey, PA (paid by the grant).

Administrative Recommendation: That the Board of School Directors instructs the administration to submit an application of up to \$50,000 to the Pennsylvania Department of Education's Personalized Learning Grant competition, in support of existing personalized learning initiatives in the Warren County School District.