2016-17 Rural and Low-Income School (RLIS) Grant Summary

Grant Overview: The Rural and Low-Income School Program is designed to address the needs of rural, low-income schools. The USDE awards formula grants to PDE, who in turn award sub-grants to eligible LEAs either competitively or on a formula basis. The funds are to be used to carry out activities specified by the statute.

RLIS monies may be used for the following:

- Teacher recruitment and retention
- Teacher professional development
- Educational Technology
- Parent Involvement activities
- Safe- and Drug-Free Schools activities
- Title I activities, and/or
- Title III activities.

The district is reviewing its options for how to use the funding within the grant guidelines.

The Pennsylvania Department of Education awards RLIS funding through a formula grant process.

Amount of Award: \$93,781.00

<u>Due Date/Notification of Award</u>: December 2016. Notification once the application is processed by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Alternatives if not Awarded: None.

WCSD Resources Required: None.

Administrative Recommendation: That the Board of School Directors instructs the administration to submit an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for funding through the Rural and Low-Income School Program for items and/or activities that meet grant guidelines.