Dolly Parton Imagination Library Summary

<u>Grant Overview</u>: Dolly Parton's Imagination Library fosters a love of reading among children and their families by providing them with the gift of a specially selected book each month. By mailing high quality, age-appropriate books directly to their homes, she wanted children to be excited about books and to feel the magic that books can create. Moreover, she could ensure that every child would have books, regardless of their family's income. Currently over 1600 local communities provide the Imagination Library to over 1,000,000 children each month.

The Don Mills Achievement center has agreed to partner with Youngsville Elementary Middle School in administering the program. Financing for the books will require securing grant funding for each year it operates.

Amount of Award: Unknown at this time. The number of children receiving books will need to be determined, which will guide grant search and writing efforts to support it.

<u>Due Date/Notification of Award</u>: dependent upon funding vehicles selected to support the Imagination Library Effort.

<u>Alternatives if not Awarded</u>: None.

WCSD Resources Required: None.

<u>Administrative Recommendation</u>: That the Board of School Directors instructs the administration to assist the administration at Youngsville Elementary Middle School in securing funding to aid in establishing a Dolly Parton Imagination Library program for their area.