

## **The Rural and Low-Income School Grant Summary**

Grant Overview: The Rural and Low-Income School (RLIS) Program is an initiative of the Federal Title VI Rural Education Achievement Program. RLIS addresses the needs of rural, low-income schools, awarding funds to the Pennsylvania Department of Education, who in turn award sub-grants to eligible LEAs based on a formula. The funds are for activities specified by statute, including:

- Parent Involvement activities
- Other activities governed by statute, including those approved in:
  - Title I-A (Improving Basic Programs)
  - Title II-A (Supporting Effective Instruction)
  - Title III (Language Instruction for English Learners and Immigrant Students)
  - Title IV-A (Student Support and Academic Enrichment)

The district proposes using the grant to add an elementary instructor at Warren Area Elementary Center (WAEC) for the purpose of class size reduction (CSR). CSR is an approvable activity under Title I-A.

The administration submitted a position request to the WCSD Board of Directors at the August 27, 2018, Special Board meeting, which was approved.

Amount of Award: \$82,782.00

Due Date/Notification of Award: February 1, 2019. 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 Schools Program to add one (1) elementary instructor at Warren Area Elementary Center (WAEC) for the purpose of class size reduction.