

## **2018-19 MTSS Middle School Literacy Focus Program - EMHS**

Grant Overview: Middle school teams, represented by 6th, 7th and/or 8th grade teams of ELA, Science, Social Studies and Math Teachers will work collaboratively to implement “Word Generation” to improve the academic language and argumentation skills of their students. Word Generation is a free, evidence-based curricular resource that offers a series of high-interest, discussable dilemmas designed to promote students’ academic language and argumentation skills. Each of the 72 brief one-week units is delivered within fifteen- to twenty-minute activities in ELA, science, social studies, and math classes, and five target academic vocabulary words are incorporated into each of those activities. Students read, discuss, debate, and write about each weekly topic, using the newly taught vocabulary words.

Middle school teams will select a minimum of one grade level with full complement of content area representation (6th, 7th and/or 8th) that is committed to a year-long focus on fidelity of implementation of Word Generation. Participating teams will also collect evidence of systems, classroom and student growth as a function of participation in this series. PaTTAN will be limiting applications to one middle school team per school district for this series.

A stipend of \$10,000.00 will be provided to each participating school team and may be used to cover expenditures related to participation in this series (e.g., travel, lodging, substitutes, Word Generation materials, etc.). Pertinent details will be included in the contract to be issued to your school district by the Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit 13. Participating teams that must travel 100 miles or more to the PaTTAN Harrisburg training facility will qualify for an additional \$2,000.00 in support of participation costs.

Amount of Award: Up to \$12,000

Due Date/Notification of Award: Due April 30, 2019.

Alternatives if not Awarded: Other funding will have to be secured to address any activities/supplies needed by the MTSS effort.

WCSD Resources Required: None.

Administrative Recommendation: That the Board of School Directors approves the application of Eisenhower Middle High School to the MTSS Middle School Literacy Focus Program and, if selected for participation, the expenditure of up to \$12,000 in district funds in support of MTSS activities at Eisenhower Middle School, to be reimbursed in full by the PA Training and Technical Assistance Network (PaTTAN) upon completion of MTSS programming and submission of invoices as presented.