Continuity of Education Equity Grant (CEEG)

<u>Grant Overview</u>: Extended statewide school closures have required education leaders to adapt to unprecedented disruptions in teaching and learning to ensure every student has access to quality opportunities for continuity of education. The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) is working to remove barriers and to provide guidance so that local education agencies (LEAs) can provide continuity of education to all students.

Continuity of education refers to educational practices occurring during a prolonged school closure to ensure that students have the opportunity to maintain and develop skills while away from the customary school environment. Continuity of education may be provided through one or a combination of the following:

- Planned instruction
- Enrichment and review

PDE recognizes not all LEAs and schools are sufficiently resourced to provide or participate in continuity of education. This emergency Continuity of Education Equity Grant (CEEG) is intended to provide additional financial support to LEAs and schools with the highest percentages of students unable to participate in continuity of education.

Amount of Award: \$59,000.00.

Due Date/Notification of Award: April 10, 2020

<u>Alternatives if not Awarded</u>: The district will review other grant funds for their ability to accommodate the proposed purchase.

WCSD Resources Required: None.

Administrative Recommendation: That the Board of School Directors instructs the administration to complete and submit a Continuity of Education Equity Grant (CEEG) request in response to the closure of schools for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year. Grant funds will be used to provide cellular services to identified Warren County School District students to increase equitable access to activities, materials, and other resources as outlined in the WCSD Continuity of Education Plan.