

## **2008-2009 INCLUSIVE PRACTICES MINI-GRANT AGREEMENT**

The agreement is made this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009 by and between the ALLEGHENY INTERMEDIATE UNIT (AIU), and the Local Education Agency (LEA), **Warren County SD** intending to be legally bound hereby, for the provision by the AIU to the district of education services.

*Amount of Inclusive Practice Mini Grant approved: \$7500*

### **1. Purpose and Goals of Grants**

For the 2008-2009 school year, the AIU shall provide grants to support the development and/or expansion of inclusive practices that have been identified as effective to educate students with disabilities, including those with severe disabilities, supporting their meaningful participation in regular education classrooms in neighborhood schools.

9. Grants will support system-wide efforts to positively impact the quality of life and learning outcomes for students with disabilities.
10. Schools may propose to use effective professional development strategies:
  - a. To increase the capacity of general and special educators to work together to educate students in neighborhood schools, providing supplementary aids and services in general education classrooms; and/or,
  - b. Plan effective transitions to move students back to neighborhood schools and provide supplementary aids and services in general education classrooms.

### **2. Participation Requirements**

29. Participate in PDE and PaTTAN-sponsored professional development opportunities and share activities and results as requested by BSE/PDE.
30. Submit Letter of Agreement and Principal Assurances with original signatures within 2 months of receipt.
31. Complete the Inclusive Practices Evidence-Based Self-Assessment for (2) new targeted buildings by **February 2, 2009.**



32. Participate collaboratively in technical assistance with Intermediate Unit Training and Consultation staff and PaTTAN consultants, including at least two on-site visits before **June 15, 2009.**
33. Complete and submit a **Mid-Year Progress Report** using format provided by **February 16, 2009.**
34. Complete and submit an **End-of-Year Progress Report** using format provided by **July 6, 2009.**
35. Complete and submit **Reimbursement Form and Back-up documentation** of expenditures by **July 6, 2009.**

3. **Funding**

Funds are made available based upon LRE monitoring status, implementation of a LRE Improvement Plan and/or BSE Adviser recommendations and must be expended to support activities as described in the approved proposal. Budget revisions requests must be submitted to [ippdocsmail@pattan.net](mailto:ippdocsmail@pattan.net). Upon approval, a revised budget must be emailed to same address.

**Expenditures from August 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 will be reimbursed.**

4. **LEA Expenditure Reimbursement**

The LEA is responsible for submitting a request for reimbursement with original signature of authorized school official using the Reimbursement form provided. Back-up documentation supporting the expenses as outlined must be included with the reimbursement form. Examples of supporting documentation are copies of receipts, spreadsheet documenting payroll expenditures, outside vendor invoices, travel vouchers, etc.

***NO funds will be reimbursed without receipt of (2) copies of the LOA with original signatures, Assurances with original signatures, Mid-Year Progress Report, End-of-Year Progress Report, Reimbursement Form with original signature and Back-up documentation.***



5. **Liabilities**

The parties agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless each other, their respective directors, officers, employees and agents, against all claims, damages, losses, or penalties that result from the acts or omissions of their own employees or agents, any real property owned or leased by such party, or the operation or maintenance of any equipment or vehicles provided or used by such party. None of the administrative, professional, paraprofessional or support personnel provided by the parties shall be considered employees or agents of the other party heretofore any purpose.

The parties agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless each other against all claims, damages, losses, or penalties resulting from any judicial, administrative or other determination that any staff member of one party hereto is an employee or agent of the other party hereto.

6. **Insurance**

To ensure that compliance to all laws, particularly those that emerge during the life of the agreement are met, both parties agree to a commitment for continued learning to deliver and coach on best practices. To enable this learning to take place, a mutually agreeable schedule shall be developed and agreed upon.

7. **Entire Agreement**

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between the AIU and the LEA concerning the programs and service to which it applies; supersedes all prior or contemporaneous agreements and understandings, written or oral on this subject; and any modification to this agreement shall be in writing and approved by the parties; respective board of directors.