# School District of the City of York

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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: BOARD MEMBERS
CC: CABINET
FROM: Cathy L. Ash
DATE: April 2011
RE: Federal Program Update

**RECEIVED:**

**MINI GRANT from the HOMELESS STUDENT INITIATIVE PROGRAM** - William Penn Counselor Lisa Albright filled out the information required for the mini-grant and submitted it to the HSIP's director Sonia Pitzi. She received everything requested in supplies for homeless students at William Penn - **$19,976** for graphing calculators, notebooks, pens, pencils, binders, and more.

**SUBMITTED/IN PROGRESS:**

Quarterly reports for ARRA
Corrected reports for ARRA

**Brightpoint Literacy's $500 Classroom Literacy Mini Grant** – Stacy Moyer – Goode Elementary Submitted for $500.00 for guided reading books for first grade ELL reading skills. Object is to increase reading scores by increasing interest in the material.

**Highmark School Challenge Applications**: Six (6) applications were submitted for the Highmark School Challenge grant; one for each of our elementary schools. The grant would provide funding to make a video library of exercise activities specifically geared for students in grades K-4. Classroom teachers could then check out the videos for use in providing physical education within the classroom setting. The YMCA and White Rose Community Television will partner with the district to do the videos and collect the data for the grants. The following schools applied: Davis, Devers, Ferguson, Goode, Jackson and McKinley. Assistant Superintendent Hufnagel worked with the YMCA of York and York County on these grants.

**AP INCENTIVE GRANT APPLICATION** – Federal Programs/Guidance at WP – working on grant to provide funds for our students to cover the fees for the AP testing. Letter of intent required by 4/15/11. Application required by 5/16/11.

**ONGOING:**

**SUMMER SCHOOL**

We have been working with the Assistant Superintendents and Principals on a proposal to offer summer school for our failing 8th graders and 11th and 12th graders. All summer school will be held at the high school. There will be no elementary summer school this year. EAP funding is gone and there is little left of Title I. With the cash flow issues, the necessity to limit summer school became apparent. Holding the summer school in one building will be less costly and permit maintenance of

the other facilities more readily. Summer school will range from June 27- July 29 with July 4 off for a holiday.

**STATE MONITORING/AUDITS:**

1) The Auditor General for the Commonwealth of PA is currently completing a financial audit of the 21st Century program.
2) The Federal Programs Division is doing a monitoring of the ARRA (Stimulus) monies received for Title I, IDEA, and SFSF. The initial meeting was held on 3/2 at central office. The monitor reports back to the regional coordinator for federal programs, Jesse Fry. Jesse will follow-up with any concerns.
3) Working with the state and

**FEDERAL SIG** – the SIG grant was expected to be open on e-grants in its new form by the end of January. When we attended the National Title I Conference at the beginning of February, USDOE stated that resolutions and approvals should be completed within a couple of weeks. We are now in March and the grant has not yet opened in e-grants. Virginia Baker, program manager for SIG for the PDE Federal Programs Division, stated that the districts will be given 5 weeks from the time the grant opens in which to complete the application and submit it. We have much of the information ready as the state presented. If the negotiations with USDOE require changes, we will amend our information accordingly. Based on the information presented by the state, we have four buildings that qualify for funding with a range of $1,500,000-$2,000,000/year possible to apply for, but actual awards were around 30-35% of that last year. I will keep you updated on the SIG progress as information comes out.

**OTHER:**

**Extended Day Opportunities Collaboration**: The district brought together a group of community stakeholders to discuss ways we can collaborate to provide needed services to our students and their families. The first meeting was held on 3/28 at the District Administration Building. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 11th at Ferguson Elementary. Representatives from Martin Memorial Library, United Way, YMCA of York and York County, York City Health Bureau, City of York, Special Education, ELL, Pre-K, Title I Parents, Penn State Ext.-4H, Principals and Administrators are involved to date. We are hopeful to have a proposal to present to the board by the May 2011 Education Committee meeting. This is a huge undertaking that is looking at offering before and after school care and programming with fitness, nutrition, tutoring, computers, library and more from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. in our elementary and middle levels; and after school programming for our high school.