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From: Tara McKechnie
To: AOS 93 Families
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Re: ESEA Grants

The purpose for this notice is to give general information about the ESEA grants and a chance to provide feedback about how the grants are used. At each of the June School Board meetings, the Comprehensive Needs Assessment was presented by the principal of each school outlining how data was used to inform the goals and the planned action steps and the plan for using these funds during the next school year.

There are three federal grants that our schools will apply for this year - Title I, Title II, and Title IV. Title I provides supplemental funds to help students reach proficiency in reading and math. Students are chosen for Title I services based on reading and math assessments. Title II provides supplemental funds to provide professional development for staff. The training topics are chosen based on student achievement and teachers' and administrators' assessments of need. Title IV is intended to support well rounded education programs, safe and healthy students, and technology integration. Usually all Title IV funds are transferred into Title I and Title II because they support the same school initiatives.

The funds that each school receives are based on the number of students enrolled in the school and the percentage of students who qualify for free or reduced price meals. When developing the grant application, every school carefully reviews their data and creates a comprehensive needs assessment before writing the annual grant application.

If you would like to learn more about the ESEA Grants, have a conversation about the grants, or if you would like to give feedback about how the grants are used, please email Tara McKechnie at tmckechnie@aos93.org.