Preschool SDI Grant Funds-FAQ's

1. **How much money does my teacher/building/district have to spend?**
    a. Each participating district has a contract with the DE; the amount of the contract varies and depends on the number of buildings and strands the district is participating in; please ask your strand lead for your district's contract amount.

2. **How do I make sure we are not going over our contract amount?**
    a. Each district is encouraged to create a budget and identify a budget manager to ensure that districts do not go over the contracted amount. Please make sure you speak with your budget manager before spending any SDI funds to ensure you are not going over the contracted amount.

3. **What are allowable uses for the SDI contract funds?**
    a. Travel expenses (mileage, hotel, meals, parking, etc.) to attend Preschool SDI trainings
    b. Stipends and Substitute Pay for SDI training and work
    c. *Approved* Professional Learning/Training (outside of provided trainings)
    d. *Approved* in-state and out-of-state travel, and
    e. *Approved* Resources (materials, tools, technology, etc)

4. **When do I have to get prior-approval before using the SDI contract funds?**
    a. Your resource request is NOT on the pre-approved list (see #6), *OR*
    b. Your resource request will go over your contract amount, *OR*
    c. Your resource request includes out-of-state travel

5. **How do I request prior-approval to use SDI contract funds?**
    a. Please send Betsy Lin an email with the resource or materials you want to purchase for approval prior to making the purchase.

6. **How do I know what is on the pre-approved list of resources?**
    a. Preschool SDI Pre-Approved Resource List:
        - Travel, subs, and stipends for SDI training and off-contract SDI work
        - AEPS (online license or paper version)
        - Materials to promote engagement based on learner data
        - Quality Inclusion Curriculum
        - Book: Blended Practices for Teaching Young Children in Inclusive Settings
        - Materials needed to create visual supports (printing, lamination, velcro, etc.)
        - Materials needed to provide accommodations/modifications to daily activities as supported by learner data

If you have any questions or you are not sure if you need prior-approval for spending your SDI contract funds, please ask your strand lead before spending the funds!