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Dear Fellow Educator:

The Jackson Township Public School District will soon apply for FY24 grant funds under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). The ESEA-ESSA application includes the following formula program:

- Title I, Part A: Improving Basic Programs Operated by Local Education Agencies

Before making application, we are required to consult with you in order to identify the needs of the children enrolled in your school, who are within our jurisdiction, including the needs of the teacher(s) who instructs them. This consultation is essential in order to assist us in designing Title I supplemental education programs that will help to meet the needs of Title I eligible students who attend your school, but who reside within the jurisdiction of the Title I schools in Jackson. Based on eligibility and documented needs, the instructional program plan will be included in the District's Program Plan within the ESEA-ESSA Application.

Under ESSA, the following detailed information must be included as part of such a program plan:

- What criteria was used to identify low-income eligibility for students who also reside within Title I eligible schools within Jackson Township?
- What multiple measures and academic criteria were used to identify the instructional needs of eligible students?
- What supplemental academic/instructional services will be provided for the eligible student(s)?
- How, when, where, and by whom (provider) will the supplementary instructional services will be provided?
- How will the progress resulting from those supplemental instructional services be measured?

Regarding all Title funding: ESSA requires that all expenses be part of a comprehensive program plan, based on a needs assessment. Additionally, all Title funds must be used to support evidence-based activities. The New Jersey Department of Education has provided the following resources to assist in identifying such uses. Please be aware that although a program use may be included on the sites provided below, it may be subject to further review, in order to determine its permissibility, based on Title-specific factors within the ESSA regulations.

- Evidence for ESSA: A Repository of Evidence-Based Programs, Activities and Strategies to Address Student Needs <https://www.evidenceforessa.org/>
- U.S. Department of Education Institute of Education Sciences (IES): What Works Clearing House <https://ies.ed.gov/ncee/WWC/>
- U.S. Department of Education: Guidance on Using Evidence to Strengthen Investments in Student Supports and Intervention <https://www2.ed.gov/policy/elsec/leg/essa/guidanceusesinvestment.pdf>

Regarding Title I funding: Income Eligibility Guidelines have been enclosed, which provide guidance for determining whether you have students who may be financially eligible to qualify for Title I services. Please have your Jackson families complete the enclosed Nonpublic School Family Survey Form. Once you receive the forms please upload them to the Jackson Township School District's Nonpublic School Title I website at www.jacksonsd.org/Page/16121 if you have difficulty uploading the forms you can email them to grantoffice@jacksonsd.org. All forms must be received by May 5th, 2023.

The next step for Title I would involve identifying eligible Jackson students who meet criteria to receive supplemental instructional support. It is critical to understand that Title I funds MUST only be used to supplement the instructional program of eligible Title I students who reside within the jurisdiction of a Title I eligible Jackson school. As a rule of thumb, the funds may not be used for expenses that benefit a school population as a whole, such as, to purchase standard supplies (pencils, paper, etc.) or library books for the general population. If you require a family income survey and income eligibility guidelines, you can download both from the Jackson Township School District's new Nonpublic School Title I website at www.jacksonsd.org/Page/16121

Spring 2023 Consultation:

The Spring Consultation meeting is scheduled to take place at **1:00pm on April 20, 2023**. Please see our district website "Title I Nonpublic" page at www.jacksonsd.org/Page/16121 for the google meet link to participate.

All Nonpublic family surveys, and consultation input must be completed/received no later than May 5, 2023. All required forms can be found on our district website "Title I Nonpublic" page at www.jacksonsd.org/Page/16121

Finally, If your school does not plan to participate in one or more of the programs listed above, please complete the Nonpublic School Participation Refusal form no later than June 1, 2023. You can find this form on our district website "Title I Nonpublic" page at www.jacksonsd.org/Page/16121

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