



*Mineral County School District*

# Grants Management Office

## NEWSLETTER

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# Above the Bottom Line

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Competitive grant season is upon us, and MCSD has applied for and considered various new opportunities provided by State and Federal entities. It is exciting to have the ability to supplement the many ways that the District is engaging in continuous improvement. More importantly, evaluating ways the District is and is not ready for specific funding opportunities is also very productive.

### **OFFICE OF INCLUSIVE EDUCATION PRIORITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS APPLICATIONS**

Under Dr. Paul McDonald's guidance, The Grants Management Office applied for \$54,582.36 to facilitate training and development in the District's Child Find Screening processes, Least Restrictive Environment Placement, and Recruitment/Retention of Special Education staff. This new funding opportunity will assist in collaboratively developing procedures for screening early childhood students and training them on a structured classroom model. The recruitment/retention piece of the application includes new hire and moving stipends, retention, and salary considerations.

### **PROGRESSIVE DISCIPLINE BASED ON RESTORATIVE JUSTICE**

A competitive application to the Office for a Safe and Respectful Learning Environment for \$131,282.57 to assist the District in meeting the new requirements of Assembly Bills 330 and 285 has been submitted. Much of the request is for staffing and professional development about the District's implementation plan. In addition, funding for a stakeholder/parent engagement activity and the funds to create a space for restorative practices and in-school suspension activities was requested.

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## **PROGRESSIVE DISCIPLINE - CONTINUED -**

The District will continue its work with the Nevada Center of Excellence in Disabilities, State MTSS, to meet the requirements under the new laws relating to the behavior and discipline of pupils.

## **PERKINS INNOVATION & MODERNIZATION GRANT PROGRAM**

The CTE Advisory Board has held several meetings to consider the possibility of applying for a federal opportunity offered by the Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education through the United States Department of Education. This competitive grant is a call to action under the federal initiative "Raise the Bar: Unlocking Career Success" to address how high schools prepare all students to thrive in their future careers by providing students with accelerated and innovative opportunities to earn college credits and gain career experiences.

The discussions regarding this funding opportunity have led to the awareness of where Mineral County has a distinct advantage over other schools (dual enrollment, work-based learning opportunities) and areas where more work is needed (Five-Year Plan and Comprehensive Needs Assessment). The deadline for the application is October 13, 2023.

### **SEPTEMBER 30TH END OF FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR**

Following a lengthy Entity Validation Review and updated point(s) of contact through the System for Award Management (SAM), Mineral County School District has been able to draw down FY'23 funds for Title VI Indian Education (project manager Kim Just-Johnson) and the Small, Rural School Achievement Program, SRSA (Amanda Hughes).

The Schurz Elementary School used the Title VI Grant for school assemblies, professional development, and books. The SRSA is designated for art, music, and field trips and was used to purchase musical instruction materials and supplies for Grades Pre-K through 8 students. In FY'24, these grants are anticipated to serve the same purpose throughout the schools and District and provide supplemental activities for our students.

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