

ORANGE COUNTY
BOARD OF EDUCATION

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

Meeting Date: June 19, 2014

AGENDA ITEM No. 14-06-(2)-06

ACTION ITEM: (Y/N) Y

SUBJECT: Request for Matching Funds

INFO. CONTACT: Dr. Del Burns, Superintendent PHONE: 919-732-8126

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Policy 8430 Matching Funds – Parent Teacher Organization/Booster Groups
2. Request For Matching Funds Board Policy #8430.
3. Pathways Elementary Request.

PURPOSE: To secure approval from the Board of Education for a \$1,000.00 matching funds request for Pathways Elementary School.

BACKGROUND: To encourage the participation and efforts of organized booster and parent-teacher groups in support of the schools, the Orange County Board of Education has established and operates a matching funds program. Each fiscal year, one group per school may request a one-time matching grant of up to \$1,000.00 on a dollar-for-dollar basis to match an amount of money generated by the group for the benefit of the school. To qualify for matching funds, the applicant group must agree to spend the total amount (both matching grant and collected funds) on a project that benefits a large school group and has a lasting value to the students.

Following Board approval, in order for matching funds to be disbursed, school principals submit a Request for Reimbursement Form, with required documentation of expenditures, to the Director of Finance for processing.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: \$1,000.00.

RECOMMENDATION: The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education approve the request for matching funds for an appropriation of \$1,000 for Pathways Elementary School as follows:

1. Pathways Elementary – non-consumable instructional purchases such as iPods, iPads, listening centers, laptops, and leveled readers.

**MATCHING FUNDS-PARENT
TEACHER ORGANIZATION/
BOOSTER GROUPS**

Date Reviewed/Approved: 02/05/07

Policy Number: 8430

Rescinds Policy Number: LEBA, LEBA

Issued: 10/06/80, 2/03/1992, 04/19/2004

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Booster groups that represent more than one school are also eligible for this annual matching grant, provided the project benefits all schools represented by the multi-school booster group. Such groups shall submit matching grant requests directly to the superintendent for funds separated and apart from those made available to the individual schools. Matching funds for multi-school booster groups shall also be limited to \$1000 per year.

To qualify for matching funds, the applicant group must agree to spend the total amount (both matching grant and collect funds) on a project that benefits a wide school group population and has a lasting value to the students.

Each request must be submitted to the superintendent for his/her recommendation to the school board for its action prior to any expenditure. The request must include a list of the item(s) to be purchased, the total cost of the item or project, and a short description of the benefits to the schools. All requests for matching funds should be submitted as early in the school year as possible so that students can receive the full benefit of the project in the year funded. Requests will not be accepted after March 15 and projects must be completed in the same fiscal year unless you are granted administrative approval to exceed the standard completion date.

Legal Reference: G.S. 115C-36, 115C-47, 115C-276, 115C-288

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February 25, 2014

Pathways Elementary PTA
431 Strouds Creek Road
Hillsborough, NC 27278

Orange County School Board
c/o Dr. Gerri Martin
200 East King Street
Hillsborough, NC 27278

Dear Board of Education and Dr. Martin:

Through the Orange County Schools' Board of Education Policy #8430, the Pathways PTA would like to request \$1,000 matching funds for the purchase of materials that will provide many needed items to students in grades Kindergarten through 5th grade. Due to budget shortfalls in recent years, the PTA has earmarked \$10,000.00 of their budget to be used for non-consumable instructional items such as IPADS and IPODS for the classroom, laptops for K-2, leveled readers, etc. These purchases will be completed during the 2013/2014 Year.

Thank you for your consideration in providing Pathways Elementary with \$1000 through the Matching Funds Program. These funds will drastically enhance the learning of all students at Pathways Elementary.

Sincerely,

Wendi Spicer, President
Pathways Elementary PTA

Pathways Elementary School
431 Strouds Creek Road
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919-732-9136

March 13, 2014

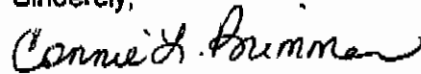
Dear Orange County School Board Members:

First, let me take the time to thank you for your service to our schools and the children of Orange County. I have the upmost respect for your commitment to ensuring every student in Orange County gets the best educational experience possible. In addition, I commend you in offering a matching funds grant to support the endeavors of each individual school.

This year our PTA is requesting the matching funds grant. The PTA has allocated \$10,000.00 to support our school in instructional supplies. The funds will be divided among grade levels. The funds are earmarked for non-consumable instructional supplies. Grade levels have already discussed purchasing items such as IPODs for the classroom, IPADs for the classroom, listening centers, laptops for the classroom, and additional leveled readers. All purchases must be approved by myself to ensure they meet the requirements set forth. All items purchased will benefit the students across the school in every grade level.

I am in full support of this request. If you need further information, please feel free to contact me. Again, thank you for making teaching and learning a priority in our schools.

Sincerely,



Connie L. Brimmer
Pathways Principal