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Title IV-A

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Mercer Area Elementary School receives federal funds for our participation in Title IV programming. This letter provides you with more information regarding the program and the benefits that this brings to the school system and your children.

Authorized in December 2015, the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) introduced a new block formula grant under Title IV, Part A with a wide range of allowable uses. Title IV, Part A, Student Support and Academic Enrichment (SSAE) grants are intended to improve students' academic achievement by increasing the capacity of States, Local Education Agencies, schools, and local communities to:

- 1- provide all students with access to a well-rounded education,
- 2- improve school conditions for student learning, and
- 3- improve the use of technology in order to improve the academic achievement and digital literacy of all students.

Mercer Area Elementary School held a stakeholder meeting on June 5, 2024 to establish that these Title IV funds would be transferred in its entirety towards the Title IIA program. The federal government has allocated a preliminary budget of \$27,385 to Mercer Area Elementary School specifically for Title IV-A purposes. After a 2% administrative fee (\$548) is deducted from the allotment by Intermediate Unit IV, it is the intention of the district to use the remaining \$26,837 as a transfer into the Title IIA program at Mercer Area Elementary School.

We believe that the utilization of Title IV-A funds towards this purpose will assist in improving school conditions for student learning and assist in the reduction of class size. If you have any questions or feedback regarding the Title IV-A program, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 724-662-5102 or via email at gacre@mercer.k12.pa.us.

Sincerely,

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