Indiana Department of Education
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Indiana School Principals

FROM: Dr. George Frampton, Chief School Certification Officer

DATE: August, 26, 2009

SUBJECT: Professional Development Grant

As you may be aware, the appropriation of available Professional Develop Grant funds for fiscal years 2010 & 2011 were significantly reduced by the Indiana General Assembly. The FY 2010 budget appropriated $5,500,000.00 for Professional Development. This represents an $8,312,500 reduction from the FY2009 budget.

As a result, the Department of Education has to realign the distribution formula for these funds. It is our intent to fund each Board approved school an initial distribution of $1,250. This distribution is scheduled for Fall 2009.

Following the submission of the DOE-PE (pupil enrollment) report, the Department of Education will calculate an additional per pupil funding amount to be distributed in the Spring of 2010.

I have been advised by the Department of Education Center for Information Systems that finalized pupil enrollment reports will be available by mid-November. Once these reports are submitted and verified, the Department of Education will calculate the Spring 2010 distribution amount.

The Department of Education will extend the deadline for the Professional Development Grant Application to the close of business, Friday, September 18, 2009.

In order, to qualify for Professional Development Grant funding, schools must:

- complete the DOE-RR online,
- submit an electronic copy of the latest School Improvement Plan,
- file school and corporation level assurance forms by mail or fax, including the signature of the authorized Exclusive Representative
- complete the online Professional Development Grant application and submit it to the Department of Education for approval.

Additional information relating to Professional Development Grant funding and the application requirements may be accessed on the School Accreditation website, http://www.doe.in.gov/accreditation/ contained within the Accreditation News box under the May 19, 2009 heading.