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Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction

MEMORANDUM

TO: Principals and Superintendents

FROM: Bill Reed, Math Science Partnership Co-Coordinator

DATE: September 25, 2015

SUBJECT: Math Science Partnership (MSP) Grant
Request for Proposals (RFP) due December 11, 2015

The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) is responsible for the administration of the Math Science Partnership Grant. This is a competitive federal grant authorized by Title II, Part B of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. The program is intended to increase the academic achievement of students in mathematics and science by enhancing the content knowledge and teaching skills of classroom teachers.

Strong partnerships between (a) qualifying high-need school systems, (b) science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) faculty, and (c) school or college of education faculty in institutions of higher education are at the core of these improvement efforts. Such partnerships assume responsibility for designing, implementing, and evaluating professional learning programs that effect deep, lasting improvement in mathematics and science education through three broad means:

- (1) Providing opportunities for enhanced and ongoing professional learning of mathematics and science teachers that improves their content knowledge and instructional practice;
- (2) Using scientifically-based researched teaching methods to promote strong teaching skills for integrating mathematics and science instruction by mathematics and science teachers; and
- (3) Establishing and operating intensive mathematics and science institutes for teachers with follow-up training and support.

The MSP-RFP was posted September 25, 2015 to the MSP webpage on the IDOE website (<http://www.doe.in.gov/achievement/curriculum/math-and-science-partnership-program>). The application deadline is December 11, 2015. This is a great opportunity to apply for funds to improve your science and math curriculum and instruction.

Contact Bill Reed by phone at (317) 232-9114 or email at wreed@doe.in.gov regarding any questions about the Math Science Partnership Grant.