

1003 Tier III Formula Grant FAQ**March 19, 2018**

Q: Is there going to be a different school improvement plan expectation for "F" schools next year? How will this opportunity align with the expectation?

A: Schools will be required to submit a School Improvement Plan that aligns with a comprehensive needs assessment. This requirement is in effect under the Every Student Succeeds Act. The department will be providing guidance and a template for an optional CNA/SIP at Title Con in May. Jim Shipley and Associates supports schools in implementing the short and long term goals indicated in CNA/SIPs. This training focuses on a system for improvement, utilizing data to inform action planning for success.

Q: What is the expectation for participants? What will be required from us?

A: Participants will be expected to actively engage in the two-day workshop provided by JSA, with the intent to imbed the systemic process into their building practices to support school improvement efforts. Participants will then have the option for additional quarterly coaching in order to support implementation by trained IDOE School Improvement staff.

Q: Can you please describe the coaching experience? We are currently receiving a School Quality Review. How does this align with the current pieces in place from IDOE?

A: Coaching will take place in a quarterly cycle from a trained IDOE School Improvement Specialist. An SQR resulting in recommendations will help to inform school improvement planning, which in turn will be strengthened by the system presented and established through the JSA workshop.

Q: Do I just include travel costs and teacher stipends for the training? No actual training cost?

A: The Department covers the cost for the actual training. The school will need to cover travel, stipends, and any materials they need to implement the systems approach into their practices.

Q: The webinar mentioned subs during the school day. Will trainers visit schools during implementation?

A: Jim Shipley and Associates is giving training to DOE staff in order to be coaches for implementation. The follow-up support will include at least a quarterly full day coaching visit from a DOE School Improvement Specialist trained to be a systems coach.

Q: Are there other examples of costs I should include?

A: Costs should include travel and stipends to attend the training. It should also include substitutes for release time for those teacher leaders implementing the systems approach, along with materials needed for the building. Materials may include further Jim Shipley resources that can be ordered at the training, materials for collaboration meetings, or general paper and binder type allocations.