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## Memo

To:

Dr. Tony Baldwin

From:

Ginny Barrett/Director of Federal Programs

CC:

Susanne Swanger

Date:

June 16, 2022

Re:

Overview of Federal Programs for 2022-2023

Each year Buncombe County Schools must submit an application to program directors at the state level regarding Title I (Part A, C & D), Title II, Title III, and Title IV projects. Before submitting this application- Consolidated Continuous Improvement Plan – the Board of Education is asked to review and approve the overview and budget for each program.

I respectfully request that the Overview of these projects to be submitted for consent at the June 30, 2022 Buncombe County Schools' Board Education meeting.

Recommendation: Approval of the 2020-2021 Title I (Part A, C & D) Title II, Title III (ESL) and Title IV Overview of Projects and Budget.

#### Title I, Part A

**22-23 Planning Allocation:** \$8,209,984.00

**21-22 Allocation:** \$7,041,800.00

**Difference:** \$1,168,184.00

Title I is operated as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). Next year the instructional program will continue as an in-class model serving grades K-5 in elementary schools and in grades 5-6 in intermediate schools. Each eligible Title I school will have at least one Title I Reading Specialist, plus other Title I funded personnel employed based upon the school's allocation and the literacy needs of the students (including Curriculum Coaches).

#### Projected 2022-2023 Title I Schools:

Avery's Creek Elementary

Barnardsville Elementary

Black Mountain Elementary

**Black Mountain Primary** 

Candler Elementary

Charles Bell Elementary

Enka Intermediate

Emma Elementary

Fairview

Haw Creek Elementary

Hominy Valley Elementary

Johnston Elementary

Eblen Intermediate

Koontz Intermediate

Leicester Elementary

North Buncombe Elementary

North Windy Ridge Intermediate

Oakley Elementary

Pisgah Elementary

Sand Hill-Venable Elementary

Weaverville Elementary

Weaverville Primary

West Buncombe Elementary

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The planning allocation for Buncombe County Schools \$8,209,984.00 in regular Title I funds. This is a funding increase from 2021-2022. The law requires funds to be distributed to schools by allocation made on a per-pupil basis according to the number of low-income students in the school. Stakeholders (teachers, parents, and administrators) provide input for district set asides of funds prior to determining school allocations. Buncombe County Schools' district set asides include family engagement, professional development, District Level Literacy Coaches, the Book Mobile, homeless liaison, foster care transportation, Private School Proportionate share, neglected, and district administration of the project. Schools use funds to support school reform including:

- hiring staff
- purchasing instructional materials,
- sustained professional development to support the continued development of highly effective teachers, and
- 1% for parental involvement activities.

In 2022-2023, two private school, will be partaking of their share of BCS's allotment.

Planning Allocation (included in the Title I planning allotment): \$48,248.00.
Each institution submits an annual application to the BCS Title I department that describes the institution's programmatic needs and aligns the institution's allotment to address those identified needs.
22-23 Planning Allocation: \$223,351.00
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<b>21-22 Allocation:</b> \$209,871.00
Increase: \$13,480.00
The planning allocation for Buncombe County Schools is \$223,351.00. This allotment is based on the number of migrant students in BCS. The Migrant Program has served to date in the 2021-2022 school year 178 students.  Program funding supports salaries and related
benefits for a full-time outreach specialist, full time coordinator, a part time outreach specialist, and three seasonal mentors, and three summer program staff.

In an effort to maximize services, MEP supplemental services are coordinated with the individual student's teachers and school counselor, as well as other programs in which the student might be enrolled (ESL, Homeless, Special Services, etc.).

The program estimates identifying approximately 195 students as migrant students during the 2022-2023 academic year.

#### **Title III (Language Acquisition)**

**22-23 Planning Allocation:** \$219,194.00

**21-22 Allotment PRC 104:** \$217,034.00

**Increase:** \$2,160.00

Title III provides funds for Buncombe County's ESL (English as a Second Language) program. The goal is to assist EL (English Learners) students meet state standards. Formula grants are based on the states' share of EL students and recent immigrant students. Funds must be used to provide high-quality, research-based language instruction and provide sustained professional development to ESL teachers and classroom teachers. This funding can also provide instructional resources for use in EL classrooms and provide Professional Development for ESL teachers, content teachers and instructional coaches. This funding cannot be used to pay for regular ESL classroom teacher positions. These funds also provide 2 ESL Coaches to support schools and teachers

The planning allocation for PRC 104 for BSC 2021-2022 is \$219,194.00 in Federal funds. The State has not allotted PRC 111 which is given to systems that see a significant increase in immigrant populations. BCS did not see a significant increase in our immigrant population as we have in the past.

These federal funds along with state and local funds will be used for ESL teaching positions (36 ESL teachers serving 2000 students in 44 schools), instructional materials, professional development, ESL Support Specialist, Intake Center Coordinator, Language Services Department, ESL classroom assistants and three Instructional Coaches.

#### Title II Part A

**22-23 Planning Allocation:** \$1,070,515.00

**21-22 Allocation:** \$1,005,009.00

**Increase:** \$65,506.00

Title II Part A: Supportive Effective Instruction FUND

The purpose of this part is to provide grants to State educational agencies, local educational agencies, State agencies for higher education, and eligible partnerships in order to —

- (1) increase student academic achievement through strategies such as improving teacher and principal quality and increasing the number of highly qualified teachers in the classroom and highly qualified principals and assistant principals in schools; and
- (2) hold local educational agencies and schools accountable for improvements in student academic achievement.

The planning allocation for Buncombe County Schools is \$1,070,515.00 in Title II funds.

BCS will use Title II Part A funds to pay instructional coaches and provide Professional Development to support core academics across the district. The PD will support Beginning Teachers as well as all content areas teachers K-12

#### Title IV Part A

**22-23 Planning Allocation:** \$496,009.00

**21-22 Allocation \$493,348.00** 

**Increase:** \$2661.00

Title VI Part A: Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants.

Title IV, Part A authorizes activities in three broad areas:

- 1. Providing students with a well-rounded education including programs such as college and career counseling, STEM, arts, civics and International Baccalaureate/Advanced Placement.
- 2. Supporting safe and healthy students with comprehensive school mental health, drug and violence prevention, training on trauma-informed practices, and health and physical education.
- 3. Supporting the effective use of technology that is backed by professional development, blended learning and ed tech devices

The planning allocation for Buncombe County Schools is 496,009.00 in Title VI funds.

- Well-rounded Education: College and Career SEL Specialist, MTSS Coach and software to support all students
- Safe and Healthy Students: College and Career SEL Specialist and Behavior Specialist
- 3. **Effective use of Technology**: a social and emotional online screening tool, supports for blended learning