

Aspire Public Schools BOARD ACTION ITEM

Common Core State Standards (CCSS) Implementation Funding

BACKGROUND

Assembly Bill (AB) 86 (Chapter 48, Statutes of 2013), Section 85, appropriates \$1.25 billion (approximately \$200 per prior year enrollment) in the 2013-2014 school year to support the integration of academic content standards in instruction adopted pursuant to various *Education Code* sections.

CCSS implementation funds can be expended for any of the following purposes:

- Professional development for teachers, administrators, and paraprofessional educators or other classified employees involved in the direct instruction of pupils that is aligned to the academic content standards adopted
- Instructional materials aligned to the academic content standards including, but not limited to, supplemental instructional materials
- Integration of these academic content standards through technology-based instruction for purposes of improving the academic performance of pupils, including, but not necessarily limited to, expenditures necessary to support the administration of computer-based assessments and provide high-speed, high-bandwidth Internet connectivity for the purpose of administration of computer-based assessments

As a condition of receiving CCSS implementation funds, the District, is required to:

- Develop and adopt a plan delineating how the CCSS implementation funds will be spent. The plan must be explained in a public meeting of the governing board of the school district and then be adopted in a subsequent public meeting.
- Report detailed expenditure information to the California Department of Education (CDE) on or before July 1, 2015, including, but not limited to, specific purchases made and the number of teachers, administrators, or paraprofessional educators that received professional development

The funds may be spent in 2013-14 and 2014-15.

CURRENT CONSIDERATIONS:

Aspire Public Schools has 33 LEAs (34 schools) which are receiving this funding. The funding will be used in one of three ways:

- (1) To build the necessary infrastructure and purchase devices so that the school can administer the common core state assessments through computers
- (2) To provide professional development for teachers as they learn about the deeper concepts covered in the CCSS.

(3) To purchase materials, primarily textbooks, that will align to the new standards instead of the California standards.

The attached schedule estimates the amount of funding by school and outlines the proposed uses of those funds by spending category.