

WHEATLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD AGENDA ITEM

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 ACTION
 REPORT/INFORMATION

BOARD MEETING DATE: February 21, 2019
BOARD AGENDA NUMBER: 5.6
BOARD AGENDA ITEM: Low Performing Block Grant Plan
DEPARTMENT: Superintendent's Office
CONTACT PERSON: Craig M. Guensler

REPORT/PROPOSAL

The Low Performing Student Block Grant (LPSBG) provides funds for local educational agencies serving students identified as low performing on state English language arts or Math assessments, who are not otherwise identified for supplemental grant funding under the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), or eligible for special education services. Low performing students are students who scored Level 1 on either the Math or Language Arts Smarter Balanced Assessment.

LEAs must have a plan describing how the funds will increase or improve evidence-based services for the identified pupils to accelerate increases in academic achievement, and how the effectiveness of the services will be measured. Funds can be spent, but not limited to professional development activities for certificated staff, instructional materials, or additional supports for pupils. The plan must be approved by the Local Governing Board before the Required Report #1 is due on March 1, 2019. By March 1, 2019 the LEA is required to report to the State Superintendent regarding the adopted plan to use the grant funds to increase the academic performance of pupils identified.

Funding allocations are based on 2016-2017 CAASPP data. CDE does not believe this grant will be renewed so this is a one-time grant. CDE expects the LEA to use current CAASPP data (2017-2018) to generate a student cohort that will be worked with the length of the grant. The LEA will need to report on the increased academic achievement at the end of the grant as it relates to the student cohort. The final Required Report #2 will be due to CDE in November of 2021 and will cover implementation, strategies and whether there was increased academic achievement (LEAs determine measurement).

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Approve