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DATE: March 8, 2017

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Dr. Meg Schnoor, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning

RE: Pre-Approval of Consultant Fees – Title I

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) was passed into law in December, 2015. With the enactment of this new legislation, the district faces a multitude of changes and adjustments affecting plans for most federal grant funding sources, but in particular, Titles I and II.

With more than ten years of experience as the district's Title I Director, Dr. Maria McClurkin has the requisite knowledge to understand the differences between No Child Left Behind and ESSA and to make the changes needed to the District's Title I plan and School-wide Plans while ensuring that the district adheres to the new regulations and remains in compliance. To that end, the Department of Instruction is requesting pre-approval for consulting fees for Dr. McClurkin at a rate of \$435 per diem not to exceed 60 days. The total cost is \$26,100 and is fully funded under the Title I grant.

As the Illinois State Board of Education navigates through the process of drafting and completing a new statewide plan, Dr. McClurkin will be able to stay abreast of the requirements at the District level as to maintain the approximately \$2.5 million District 15 receives from Title I each year.

Duties include:

- Rewrite and submit District Title I Plan. This plan must be completed by June 30 to be eligible to *apply* for Title I funds.
- Update School-wide plans for all Title I School-wide schools to reflect changes as a result of ESSA.
- Meaningful consultations with private schools who share a portion of the District 15 Title I and II funds.
- Collaboration with Student Services and 2nd Language departments for overlap of Title I, Title III, and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) grant requirements.
- Site visits to Title I schools and private schools to ensure Title I programs are compliant with ESSA legislation.
- Budget and submission of the Title I and II grant applications for the 2017-2018 school year (submission after July 1st).