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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 9, 2024

TO: District Superintendents and Public-School Academy Leaders of Partnership Districts

FROM: Gloria Chapman, Director of the Office of Partnership Districts (OPD) 

SUBJECT: Section 21(h) Application for the 2024-2025 School Year

The Office of Partnership Districts (OPD) has appropriated Section 21(h) Grant funds for the 2024-2025 school year. This funding aims to assist districts in implementing their partnership agreement. Partnership districts with signed partnership agreements are eligible to apply for this funding.

- The Section 21(h) application is housed in *NexSys*.
- Liaisons will assist each district in logging into the *NexSys* platform before the application window opens.
- The anticipated application window is from September 16-October 28, 2024.
- There is one application window for the 2024-2025 school year.
- Each district is allocated \$3053 towards purchasing a data analytics tool and must be included in the application.
- A lump sum payment for awarded monies will be included in the next State Aid payment following approval of the award.
- Funding requests should focus on K-3 literacy, K-3 smaller class sizes, mathematics, address whole child needs, align with partnership agreement goals, and support the district's long-term planning.
- OPD will adjust funding based on the dollar amount appropriated.

Please share this information with staff working on the Section 21(h) application, take this opportunity to work with your Partnership Agreement Liaison to identify needs Section 21(h) funds can support, and begin working offline on your application.

cc: District's Section 21(h) Designee
ISD Superintendent
ISD Superintendent's Designee
Office of Partnership Districts Team

Attachments: Section 21(h) Application and Disbursement Timeline
Section 21(h) Help Guide
Function Codes

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