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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 11, 2023

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 2023-2024 School Year

The Office of Partnership Districts (OPD) has been appropriated Section 21(h) grant funds for the 2023-24 school year. The purpose of this funding is to assist districts in the implementation of their partnership agreement. Partnership districts with signed partnership agreements are eligible to receive funding.

- The Section 21(h) application is housed in *NexSys*.
- Partnership Agreement Liaisons (PALs) will assist each district in logging into the *NexSys* platform.
- The application window is September 11-October 9, 2023.
- Allowable funding requests should focus on literacy, mathematics, address whole child needs, align with partnership agreement goals, and support the district's long-term planning.
- There is one application window for the 2023-24 school year.
- One lump sum payment for awarded monies will be included in the next State Aid payment following approval of award.
- OPD will adjust funding based on the dollar amount appropriated.
- \$6,137,400 is a one-time disbursement for fiscal year 2024.
 - Within this amount, each district is allocated \$2923 towards the purchase of a data analytics tool and is required to be included in the application.
- An additional \$24,000,000 is available for fiscal years 2024 and 2025.

Please share this information with staff working on the Section 21(h) application. PALs will begin working with assigned districts to identify needs Section 21(h) funds can support, provide technical assistance, and assist districts in meeting the application timeline.

cc: ISD Superintendents
District Designee
District 21(h) designee
Office of Partnership District Team

Attachments: Section 21(h) Application *NexSys* Help Guide for Districts
Program Specific Function Codes
Section 21(h) District Timeline

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