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To: Superintendents and Principals

From: Diana Smith, Director of Digital Learning

Date: November 4, 2022

Subject: 2022-2023 Digital Learning Parent and Family Support Grant

The 2022-2023 Digital Learning Parent and Family Support Grant is open for applications until Friday, December 2. This grant is open to any Indiana public school corporation or public charter school. The grant allows a school or corporation to design a plan to support parents with topics related to educational technology and blended/virtual learning environments.

The grant funds, up to \$15,000, can be used to support one or more of the following strands:

- **Parent Knowledge:** knowledge of educational technology and virtual learning
- **Parent Involvement:** support with blended and virtual learning
- **Professional Development:** PD for staff specific to parent engagement with digital learning

Grant funds can pay for innovative programs, events, and professional development designed to assist parents and families who support students with digital learning. The learning the grant supports can be in a setting that is in-person, fully virtual, or a blended combination of the two.

Schools and corporations can choose to focus on one or more of the following strands:

Strand 1: Parent Knowledge

- Costs related to programs, events, and initiatives to grow parents' knowledge and comfort with digital tools. Schools might host one-time or ongoing events (either live or virtual) featuring information designed for parents, possibly including parent communication tools or software/websites commonly used by students. Schools might create resources for parents and families regarding technology specific to their district or community.

Strand 2: Parent Involvement

- Costs related to increasing parental involvement in blended and virtual learning. Schools might create innovative programs to increase parental involvement with virtual learning. This could include fully virtual/blended programs or those that have virtual learning days



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throughout the year. Schools might purchase communication tools to increase parent involvement.

Strand 3: Professional Development

- Costs related to providing teachers professional development designed to improve parent engagement and involvement with online learning and virtual tools. Schools might conduct professional development, using funds on presenters, content, or substitutes.

Access the 2022-2023 Digital Learning Parent and Family Support Grant Application [here](#).

Important dates:

- Grant Opens: Friday, November 4
- [Grant Support Session](#): Noon ET on Tuesday, November 15
- Grant Application Deadline: 5 p.m. ET on Friday, December 2
- Grant Award Notification: January 13, 2023
- Grant Awardee Kickoff Meeting: January 19, 2023 at 11:00 a.m ET
- Grant Cycle: January 23, 2023 to July 31, 2023
- Grant Reimbursements Due: September 29, 2023

Please contact digitallearning@doe.in.gov with any questions.