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OFFICE OF GRANTS & STRATEGIC ADVANCEMENT ANNUAL SUMMARY REPORT: 2014-15

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MISSION

The Wake County Public School System (WCPSS) Office of Grants & Strategic Advancement was established in 1985. Since its creation, the overarching mission has been to secure grant funding which helps advance the district's strategic goals and initiatives. In support, the office identifies grant funding opportunities and communicates this information to central office and school-based personnel. In addition, the Office of Grants assists staff with preparing applications and monitors implementation of grant awards.

VISION

Our vision for the day-to-day operations of the Office of Grants is to align all activities in support of the Wake County Board of Education's Mission adopted January 20, 2015, "Wake County Public School System will provide a relevant and engaging education and will graduate students who are collaborative, creative, effective communicators and critical thinkers." Per this mission, we proactively seek to identify funding opportunities which can provide support to programs or activities which promote the five strategic objectives for the Vision 2020 Strategic Plan: Learning & Teaching, Achievement, Balanced Assessment, Human Capital, and Community Engagement. In support, office staff practice positive consumer relations and seek to provide a same-day response to inquiries. Office staff also practice continuous improvement and seek to implement efficient and effective means of providing service to the WCPSS community; including administrators, teachers, and external agencies or organizations.

RESPONSIBILITIES

A principle responsibility of the Office of Grants & Strategic Advancement is to secure public and private funding through entitlement, competitive, and collaborative grants in ways that are consistent with school district priorities, applicable regulations, and relevant research findings. This responsibility includes the following functions:

- identify grant funding opportunities and communicate these to WCPSS personnel;
- advise the Wake County Board of Education of grant funding opportunities and seek approval for WCPSS staff to submit or collaborate on applications;
- assist district personnel with preparing and submitting grant applications;
- conduct training for WCPSS staff on identifying and applying for grants;
- interpret federal, state, and local rules and procedures governing grants;
- monitor grant programs for compliance with program and statutory regulations and ensure compliance with federal and state data reporting requirements; and
- collaborate with appropriate WCPSS departments including Academics, Human Resources, Special Education, and Student Support Services to ensure that grant program data are collected, compiled, and reported in an accurate and timely manner to comply with federal and state reporting requirements.

PURPOSE OF ANNUAL REPORT

Each year, the Office of Grants & Strategic Advancement prepares a summary of grant development activities for the prior year. This report describes major accomplishments, along with district-wide grant activity for the 2014-15 school/fiscal year. The report details the number and variety of grant applications submitted to various funding sources by Central Service personnel, school-based staff, and others on behalf or in support of WCPSS. This report is an account of the efforts across WCPSS to prepare and submit grant applications, as well as the subsequent success with securing grant awards. The report is not a financial accounting of grants managed by WCPSS. The dollar amounts noted for grant applications and awards are based upon figures reported to the Office of Grants & Strategic Advancement by departments, school staff, and external agencies submitting applications.

THE YEAR IN BRIEF

In 2014-15, the Office of Grants continued to help manage grants and compliance reporting activity. A bulleted list of activities and accomplishments for 2014-15 is included in the State of the Office Report as provided below.

ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS: 2014-15

Administration

- Presented to six schools on *Identifying and Applying for Grants* and during the fall 2014 Convergence Conference.
- Offered two sessions of grants proposal development for Central Office staff.
- Secured Board approval for 205 individual grant opportunities and 915 subsequent competitive applications (includes WCPSS and collaborative submissions).
- Updated the Office of Grants intranet web site after Board meetings.
- Assisted school-based and Central Service personnel with grant related requirements (e.g., grant agreements, annual reports, monitoring visits, and compliance).
- Completed annual update of Compliance Reporting Activity list.
- Participated in Annual Non-Public Schools Meeting.

Pre- and Post-Award

- Collaborated with external constituents (e.g., Marbles Kids Museum, NC Department of Public Instruction, NC State University, Town of Fuquay-Varina, Wake Education Partnership, Wake PTA Council, YMCA, and community-based organizations) on 33 grant proposals (e.g., Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Burroughs Wellcome Fund, Institute of Education Sciences, Institute of Museum and Library Sciences, John Rex Endowment, Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, National Science Foundation, NC Quest, Triangle Community Foundation and others) and implementation for funded projects.
- Collaborated with Magnet & Curriculum Enhancement Programs to finalize award for Magnet School Assistance Program grant submitted in 2012-13 totaling \$10,335,043.
- Collaborated with K-12 Literacy, the Office of Early Learning, and six community agencies on a Changing Generations United Way of the Great Triangle Grant totaling \$134,737 to support the efforts of WAKE Up and Read.
- Collaborated NC State University, Middle School Programs, and the Wake Young Women's Leadership Academy on a Burroughs Wellcome Grant totaling \$177,428.
- Collaborated with NC State University and High School Programs Mathematics on a NC Quest Grant totaling \$135,085.
- Collaborated with WakeEd Partnership and Marbles Kids Museum to submit grants on behalf of WAKE Up and Read.
- Supported implementation and monitoring of grant-funded projects, including: Burroughs Wellcome Student Science Enrichment Program Grant, Elementary & Secondary School Counseling Grant, Magnet Schools Assistance Program, Javits Gifts and Talented Grant with Duke University, National Science Foundation Math Science Partnership Grant with NC State University, Museums Connect Grant with the NC Museum of Natural Sciences, Race to the Top, Teacher Incentive Fund, and Wake County Smart Start.

Professional Development

- Participated in webinars and conference calls with the United States Department of Education on 2014-15 Federal grants and shared the information with the WCPSS Superintendent's Leadership Team.
- Participated in 2014-15 webinars with the Campaign for Grade-Level Reading.
- Participated in NCDPI After School Quality Improvement Grant webinar.
- Attended sessions led by Instructional Technology staff on utilizing Google tools.
- Participated in Influencer, Facilitative Leadership, Leading Effective Meetings, and trainings offered through the Office of Professional Learning.
- Attended professional development sessions on Effective Research Design and Excel.
- Attended Academics Support Staff monthly meetings to learn about team building, précis development, and Crossroads emergency management updates.
- Attended Google app training with the Data & Accountability department.

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- Participated in leading development of WCPSS Strategic Plan, Vision 2020, including: organizing Town Hall, collaborating with NC State University Friday Institute, facilitating twice monthly Strategic Plan Working Team meetings, and planning IBM Project Management training sessions.
- Participated in Student Assignment Transfer Appeal Hearings, facilitating table groups during East Wake Working Group sessions, and supporting annual Scholastic Pursuit event.
- Coordinated the 2nd annual WAKE Up and Read book drive, raising 115,000 books distributed to nine WCPSS schools and 20 Wake County childcare centers.

GRANTS ADMINISTRATION EFFORTS AND SUCCESSES

The following tables provide details on the grant applications submitted in **2014-15**.

Table 1
Summary of WCPSS Grant Application Efforts and Success for 2014-15

Grant Type	Submitted		Awarded	
	Applications Submitted	Amount Requested	Applications Awarded	Amount Awarded
Competitive	882	\$ 7,199,932	627	\$ 3,278,046
Entitlement	13	\$ 58,533,812	13	\$ 58,454,286
Total	895	\$ 65,733,744	640	\$ 61,732,332

**Amounts listed for entitlement grants are based on planning allotments.*

Table 2
Summary of WCPSS Collaborative Grants* with Community Partners for 2014-15

Partner Type	Submitted		Awarded		
	Applications Submitted	Amount Requested	Applications Awarded	Award Amount	WCPSS Sub Award
Community Agencies	17	\$ 1,780,020	13	\$1,513,848	\$ 199,065
Governmental Agencies	6	\$ 1,053,223	2	\$1,053,223	\$ -
Institutions of Higher Education	10	\$ 3,999,519	3	\$1,999,519	\$ 135,085
Total	33	\$ 6,832,762	18	\$4,566,590	\$ 334,150

**These funds were awarded to WCPSS's collaborative partners. WCPSS will indirectly benefit from funding awarded via services provided by our collaborative partners, including professional development offerings, student services or academic programming.*

Table 3
Summary of WCPSS Awarded Grants by Area, 2014-15

Area	Number Awarded	Amount Awarded
Central	77	\$ 91,393
Eastern	49	\$ 71,793
Northern	118	\$ 119,559
Northeastern	40	\$ 321,394
Southern	55	\$ 86,773
Southwestern	108	\$ 77,879
Western	105	\$ 241,617
Elementary Support Model	63	\$ 104,405
Total*	615	\$ 1,114,813

**This count includes competitive and entitlement grants. The remaining 25 grants not included in the total were submitted by Central Office.*

Table 4
Summary of Awarded Central Service Grants by Division

Division/Department	Number Awarded	Amount Awarded
Chief of Staff		
Grants	1	\$10,000
School Performance		
Academics	10	\$33,137,680
Area Superintendents (School-based grants)	615	\$1,114,813
Special Education Services	10	\$26,965,207
Student Support Services	3	\$422,990
Superintendent		
Data and Accountability	1	\$81,642
Total*	640	\$61,732,332

**This count includes competitive and entitlement grants.*

Table 5
Summary of WCPSS Awarded Grants by Theme, 2014-15

Theme	Number Awarded	Amount Awarded
Arts Education	18	\$ 58,863
Career/Technical Education	14	\$ 1,462,280
Early Learning	9	\$ 426,456
English/Language Arts	47	\$ 25,521
ESL	4	\$ 1,890,850
Facility Enhancement	104	\$ 51,979
Foreign Language	8	\$ 75,201
Health and Nutrition	3	\$ 4,895
Library/Media	14	\$ 9,772
Literacy	47	\$ 60,792
Miscellaneous Mini-grants	53	\$ 46,014
Music	2	\$ 1,300
Outreach for at-risk Students	16	\$ 52,747,667
Physical Education	2	\$ 4,393
Professional Development	8	\$ 2,505,391
Special Education	53	\$ 26,080
STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)	112	\$ 2,044,721
Supplies	30	\$ 10,067
Technology Equipment	69	\$ 108,814
Other	27	\$ 171,277
Total*	640	\$ 61,732,332

**This count includes competitive and entitlement grants.*

Table 6
WCPSS Grants by Month
July 2014 – June 2015

Month	Number of Funding Agencies on Preci*s	Number of Grants Submitted**
July	23	461
August	38	101
September	30	167
October	23	45
November	12	13
December	19	17
January	10	8
February	12	71
March	9	7
April	17	25
May	3	3
June	9	10
Total	205	928

**For each month, funding agencies are counted only once even though they may fund multiple grants.*

***Grant applications may not have been submitted during the designated month but correspond to a grant program that was Board approved during the designated month. This count includes 882 competitive, 13 entitlement, and 33 collaborative grants.*

Table 7
Summary of WCPSS Grants by Monetary Levels, 2014-15

Funding Level	Requested		Awarded		Not Awarded	
	Count	Amount	Count	Amount	Count	Amount
\$0 to \$499	341	\$ 103,921	303	\$ 92,576	42	\$ 12,353
\$500 to \$999	212	\$ 129,287	180	\$ 106,820	34	\$ 23,932
\$1,000 to \$4,999	248	\$ 551,018	112	\$ 234,814	132	\$ 313,679
\$5,000 to \$9,999	26	\$ 151,818	8	\$ 49,104	17	\$ 93,138
\$10,000 to \$24,999	29	\$ 420,179	17	\$ 208,740	12	\$ 160,239
\$25,000 to \$49,999	7	\$ 215,277	4	\$ 108,300	2	\$ 55,000
\$50,000 to \$99,999	1	\$ 65,332	3	\$ 210,448	0	\$ -
\$100,000 to \$249,999	20	\$ 2,524,016	3	\$ 418,870	15	\$ 1,823,178
\$250,000 to \$499,999	3	\$ 1,163,592	3	\$ 1,163,592	0	\$ -
\$500,000 to \$999,999	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
\$1,000,000 +	8	\$ 60,409,304	7	\$ 59,139,068	1	\$ 1,270,236
Total	895	\$ 65,733,744	640	\$ 61,732,332	255	\$ 3,751,756

Notes:

- 1) The funding level requested count and amount may differ from the funding level awarded count and amount.
- 2) Some grant applications were not submitted for the following reasons: the interested school did not pursue the grant or the grant was submitted proactively to the Board but no schools elected to apply.
- 3) Includes competitive and collaborative grants only.

Table 8
Summary of WCPSS Grants 2014-15
Fund 3 Federal Grant Funds – State

Source	Revenue Amount
ESEA Title I Basic Program*	\$ 25,644,002
IDEA Title VI-B Handicapped*	\$ 22,337,928
IDEA VI-B Early Intervening Services*	\$ 4,104,229
Title II - Improving Teacher Quality*	\$ 2,495,019
Title III - Language Acquisition*	\$ 1,552,553
Career Technical Education Program Improvement*	\$ 1,408,497
IDEA VI - B Preschool Handicapped*	\$ 403,065
Title III - Language Acquisition - Significant Increase*	\$ 337,687
ESEA Title I School Improvement Grant*	\$ 63,474
Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program	\$ 27,040
State Improvement Grant	\$ 20,000
IDEA VI-B Special Needs Targeted Assistance*	\$ 12,500
IDEA VI-B Preschool Targeted Assistance*	\$ 10,000
TOTAL	\$ 58,415,994

** Amounts listed for entitlement grants are based on planning allotments. The final award amounts are provided in the Annual Adopted Budget*

***The difference between this total in Table 8, the total from Table 9, and the total grants awarded for 2014-15 are distributed amongst other Fund 6 school-based accounts, in-kind services with estimated values, and grants of supplies or materials.*

Table 9
Summary of WCPSS Grants 2014-15
Fund 7 Direct Grant Funds

Source	Revenue Amount
NC Pre-K*	\$ 422,840
Burroughs Wellcome Fund Career Awards for Science and Mathematics Teachers	\$ 175,000
United Way of the Greater Triangle	\$ 136,244
State Farm - Celebrate My Drive	\$ 100,000
Laura and John Arnold Foundation	\$ 81,642
Indian Education Act**	\$ 78,835
Digital Promise	\$ 25,000
Beehive Collective	\$ 25,000
Titmus Foundation	\$ 17,940
North Carolina Arts Council	\$ 13,500
State Farm - Good Neighbor Grant	\$ 5,000
Biogen Idec	\$ 2,750
Total***	\$ 1,083,751

* Amounts listed is based on a planning allotment. The final award amount is provided in the Annual Adopted Budget

**This grant is included in the total Entitlement Grants noted in Table 1 but is not a pass-through grant and is awarded directly from the US Department of Education.

***The difference between this total in Table 9, the total from Table 8 and the total grants awarded for 2014-15 are distributed amongst Fund 6 school-based accounts, in-kind services with estimated values, and grants of supplies or materials.