

BOARD AGENDA ITEM
April 17, 2018

SUBJECT:

Submission of the Education and Economic Development Act (EEDA) Preparing
College- and Career-Ready Graduates Competitive Grant Application-FY19

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The General Assembly has provided funding to the State Department of Education to provide the EEDA Preparing College- and Career-Ready Graduates competitive grant opportunity to help districts and schools implement strategies specifically designed to address the academic and career development needs of students with proven academic deficiencies. An initial cohort will be comprised of 30 rising ninth grade students who have been identified as “at risk” due to academic and behavioral issues. Students identified for the program have been assigned to ACPSD’s Alternative School Program, The Center for Innovative Learning (CIL) during their formative middle school years for a variety of reasons, including DJJ releases, simple drug possession, and general defiance in a regular school setting. During each consecutive year, a cohort of 30 additional students will be added, providing the opportunity to serve 120 students over the four-year period. Funds from Year One in the amount of \$100,000.00, \$125,000 for Year Two, \$150,000 for Year Three, and \$150,000 for Year Four will be utilized to focus on moving the cohort closer to on-time graduation and immersing participants into different career options enhanced with high quality internship/apprenticeship, work based learning, and college visit opportunities.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

The Division of Student Services has evaluated the goals and objectives of this grant and finds them to be consistent with district goals.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the submission of the Education and Economic Development Act (EEDA) Preparing College- and Career-Ready Graduates grant and the receipt of funds, if awarded.

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