



# Academic Services

## **SECOND UPDATE**

The U.S. Department of Education

Magnet Schools

Assistance Program (MSAP)

Grant

# What You Will Learn Today

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- Proposed rollout plan for each school
- Estimated grant amount for each school
- Major grant funded items for each school
- Garden Oaks estimated costs for options

# Primary Purpose of the Grant

The primary purpose of the grant is to eliminate, reduce, or prevent minority group isolation in elementary and secondary schools.

# Jones High School

## ➤ Proposed Rollout Plan

Jones H.S. is Stage V; thus, they will implement in August 2010. Also eligible for Title I and Federal turnaround grants administered through TEA.

## ➤ Estimated Grant Amount

\$2,400,000

## ➤ Major Grant Funded Items

A total of 8 computer labs, 2 for each strand of STEM. Interactive white boards for 30 classrooms. At least 3 labs for physics, chemistry, and biotechnology. Extensive teacher training and staff development.

# Fondren Middle School

## ➤ Proposed Rollout Plan

School year 2010-2011 will be a planning year and begin the first step in the IB application process (Consideration Phase). Teachers and staff will begin attending training and workshops. Program implementation will begin in school year 2011-2012 (Candidate Phase, which lasts 3 years).

## ➤ Estimated Grant Amount

\$2,100,000

## ➤ Major Grant Funded Items

A total of 3 mobile computer labs and interactive white boards for 30 classrooms. Extensive training and workshops.

# Dodson Elementary School

## ➤ Proposed Rollout Plan

In August 2010 the entire Montessori program at Whidby will transfer to Dodson. Students enrolled in the Traditional program at Dodson be allowed an extended transition.

## ➤ Estimated Grant Amount

\$2,200,000

## ➤ Major Grant Funded Items

Montessori classroom setup, materials and furniture costs. One technology lab. Extensive teacher and administrative training.

# Whidby Elementary School

## ➤ Proposed Rollout Plan

In August 2010, 5 hours of ancillary health science classes will be taught to all grade levels. By August 2011, all subject areas in all grade levels will be health sciences.

## ➤ Estimated Grant Amount

\$2,000,000

## ➤ Major Grant Funded Items

Mobile microscope lab. Health practicum lab which includes thermometers, scales, blood pressure machines, etc. 36 interactive whiteboards and 16 mobile science labs.

# Garden Oaks Elementary School

## ➤ Proposed Rollout Plan

The Montessori program will be gradually expanded ensuring that students presently enrolled in the Traditional strand will be able to complete their studies.

## ➤ Estimated Grant Amount

\$2,400,000

## ➤ Major Grant Funded Items

Montessori classroom setup, materials and furniture costs. LEED solar powered alternative energy facility (includes wind turbines, water generation, geothermal, and hydroelectric demonstration centers). Recycling and composting center. Extensive teacher and administrative training.

# Garden Oaks E.S. Preliminary Incremental Expenses Not Covered By Grant

Option	Description	Factor(s) to Consider	Projected Financial Impact (Still Under Review)
1	Remain As-Is	Limited funding to support Montessori	Challenge in balancing the cost of maintaining the Montessori program on a self-sustaining basis
2	Montessori Program Transfers to Dodson	Increase in transportation costs and declining enrollment at Garden Oaks	Garden Oaks would lose about \$470,000 in annual funding; increase in annual district expenses of \$99,000 to cover transportation
3	Full Montessori with Extended Transition	Creating a super-zone for students in the area	Increase in annual district expenses of \$99,000 to cover transportation
4	Montessori Program Transfers to Holden	Increase in transportation costs and declining enrollment at Garden Oaks	Increase in district expenses of about \$1,500,000 to cover renovation and moving costs; increase in annual expenses of \$99,000 to cover transportation