Alternative Education Challenge Grant Assurances

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Summary: Alternative Education Challenge Grant participants must abide by the following assurances.

- To the best of my knowledge and belief, all data in this application are true and correct. The governing body of the applicant has duly authorized the document and the applicant shall comply with the following assurances if the grant is awarded.

- The applicant shall conduct or have conducted an evaluation to determine the effect of the strategies implemented under this grant award and results shall be shared with collaborating agencies and other funded programs. At least 5 percent of the funds awarded must be used for this purpose. The evaluation must address outcomes identified by the Ohio Alternative Education Advisory Council. These include, but are not limited to: improvement in participant behavior and school climate, the transition of participants into alternative programs, the transition of participants as they return to home schools, the strength of collaborations with community-based agencies and organizations, school attendance and truancy rates, and graduation and dropout rates.

- Representatives of the applicant and all participating school districts and staff in the funded programs shall comply with the reporting and monitoring requirements of the Ohio Alternative Education Advisory Council. These include, but are not limited to: preparing enrollment and exit reports in the required format for program participants, completing monthly reports in the required format for each program component, and submitting all reports to the Ohio Department of Education no later than the 10th day of each month.

- Representatives of the applicant, all participating school districts and staff in the funded programs shall participate (1) in sharing information regarding evidence-based and promising practices and (2) in training provided on a statewide and/or regional basis by the program sponsor.

- Representatives of the applicant and all participating school districts and staff in the funded programs shall participate in activities designed by the Alternative Education Advisory Council, the Ohio Department of Education, or its contracted agents for the purpose of evaluation, technical assistance and professional development. The cost of participating in such activities may be covered by grant funds.

- All participating school districts required to have Continuous Improvement Plans shall include Alternative Education programs as an integral part of comprehensive improvement efforts.

- All funds shall be spent within the guidelines of the Ohio Alternative Education Challenge Grant Program as set forth by the Ohio Department of Education.