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CCIP Note #471

Re: Additional Allocation of Title I, Non-Competitive Supplemental School Improvement Funds; and Announcement of Support Schools Tool as Optional for Fiscal Year 2021
Date: April 28, 2021
To: Superintendents, Treasurers, Authorized Representatives, Fiscal Representatives and Consolidated Application Contacts of Public Districts, Community Schools and ESCs

Additional Allocation of Title I, Non-Competitive Supplemental School Improvement Funds

- An additional allocation of Title I, Non-Competitive Supplemental School Improvement Funds has been released and is available for budgeting in the Comprehensive Continuous Improvement Plan's (CCIP) Consolidated funding application.
- **Eligibility**: *Priority*, *Focus*, and *Warning* schools received these funds if they did **not** receive School Quality Improvement funding in Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21).
- **Intent and Purpose:** These school improvement formula funds are intended to support high-quality, sustainable school improvement activities that increase student achievement and address the needs of identified schools.
- **Allowable Uses:**
  - These funds must be spent at the building level.
  - Districts and community schools must budget these funds within the CCIP by **June 30, 2021** but will have until **September 30, 2021** to obligate and liquidate the funds. Carryover from FY21 into FY22 is unlikely.
- **Expanded Use of Funds for Extended Learning:**
  - This new allocation of funding may be used for extended learning opportunities for students, such as for **tutoring, before- or after-school activities or an extended school year**. These services must be provided by staff employed by the district or community school, or educational service centers. If districts or schools hire staff outside of this pool, the providers must **be properly licensed, use evidence-based strategies** and be preauthorized by the Ohio Department of Education by sending an email to school_improvement@education.ohio.gov.
- **Additional guidance and a funding breakdown** per school (based on identification status) can be found **HERE**.

Support Schools Tool Optional in Fiscal Year 2021 and Usability Test Announcement

- Ohio districts and schools continue to experience unprecedented challenges. To provide relief, the Support Schools Tool will be **optional** this academic year. The Ohio Department of Education's Office for Improvement and Innovation will, however, conduct a **Usability Test of the Support Schools Tool** with a sample of districts and schools from around the state, while offering the option for tool completion to other districts and schools. The tool is now available for access to all districts and schools, within the Monitoring tile of the OH-ID system.
- Districts and community schools may choose to participate in the **Usability Test** by reaching out to either the Office for Improvement and Innovation at school_improvement@education.ohio.gov or their State Support Team.
- **Additional guidance and information** on the Usability Test can be found **HERE**.