

IMMIGRANT CHILDREN AND YOUTH GRANT PROPOSAL 2013-14

School District of Fort Atkinson

April 18, 2013

ELIGIBILITY FOR GRANT

- ◉ Competitive grant through Wisconsin's DPI
- ◉ Grant allotments range from \$10,000 up to \$40,000
- ◉ A School District must have seen an increase in their "immigrant" student population of 25% or higher in comparison to the previous two year average
- ◉ Immigrant is defined as a student born in a different country and has been attending a US school three years or less

GOALS FOR OUR PROPOSAL

- ◉ To create an immigrant parent advisory group
 - Immigrant families and families with language barriers are frequently unable to access services and resources within the District and community
- ◉ Maintain and hone bilingual and bi-literate skills in our immigrant youth
 - Immigrant students are losing their ability to speak, write, and read in their native language as they assimilate to our culture and language

IMMIGRANT PARENT ADVISORY GROUP: OBJECTIVES

- ◉ Gain a better understanding of services available in the district and community and how to access these services
- ◉ Network with other families of immigrant students
- ◉ Participate more in school-related activities including parent-teacher conferences, PTO meetings, and arts and sciences festivals
- ◉ Volunteer more within our learning community
- ◉ Increase participation in extracurricular activities for immigrant students

MAINTAIN AND HONE NATIVE LANGUAGE SKILLS

- ◉ Reduce the amount of extinction of immigrant students' native language
- ◉ Foster the expectation of graduating Fort High School being both bilingual and bi-literate
- ◉ Gain an understanding of the requirements and application process for post-secondary institutions of higher learning
- ◉ Create a Spanish Heritage class that promotes bilingual and bi-literate skills
- ◉ Create a mentoring program between immigrant community professionals and our immigrant students

PROPOSED GRANT BUDGET

- ◉ Increased Hours for Community District Liaison:
\$20,943
- ◉ Translation of documents and electronic-based information:
\$ 2,000
- ◉ Books and Instructional Supplies for Spanish Heritage Class:
\$ 800
- ◉ Speakers / Resources for Spanish Heritage Class:
\$ 2,500
- ◉ Bilingual resources and speakers for parent group:
\$ 4,300
- ◉ Community Immigrant Professionals serving as paid mentors:
\$ 1,598
- ◉ Transportation and entrance fees for community outings for parent group:
\$ 3,100