

Title I Informational Meetings

To All Lakota Elementary Families:

You are cordially invited to attend 1 of 2 Federal Funding/ Parent meetings at Lakota Elementary. The times and dates are:

Monday, March 15,2021	8:30 AM	Information Only	Library
Monday, March 15,2021	6:30-7:30 PM	PTO Meeting	Library

If you choose to attend, these meetings will detail aspects of how Lakota Elementary uses our Federal Funding and what procedures are in place for the Elementary because of this funding. The information below provided by the United States Department of Education will further explain why Lakota Elementary receives this funding and technical guidance on how funding can be used.

Section 1114 of Title I of the ESEA allows a school in which 40 percent or more of its students are from low-income families to use its Title I funds, along with other Federal, State, and local funds, to operate a schoolwide program to upgrade the entire educational program in the school to improve the academic performance of all students, particularly the lowest-achieving students. *[Section 1114(a)(1)]* To operate a schoolwide program, a school must conduct a comprehensive needs assessment of the entire school and, using data from the needs assessment, develop a comprehensive plan that meets the requirements of the ESEA and §200.27 of the Title I regulations. *[Section 1114(b); 34 CFR 200.27*

The underlying purpose of the schoolwide approach is to enable schools with high numbers of at-risk children to integrate the services they provide to their children from Federal, State, and local resources. A growing body of evidence shows that it is possible to create schools where all of the students achieve high standards even when most are poor or disadvantaged. Such schools are most likely to be effective if they can make significant changes in the way they deliver services. By making systemic changes that knit together services funded from all sources into a comprehensive framework, schools will have a better chance of increasing the academic success of all their students.

A schoolwide program school may consolidate funds from Federal, State, and local sources to implement the school's comprehensive plan to upgrade its entire educational program. *[Section 1114(a)(1)]* In consolidating State and local funds with funds from Title I, Part A and most other Federal elementary and secondary programs administered by the Department, a schoolwide program school does not need to meet most of the statutory and regulatory requirements of the Federal programs included in the consolidation as long as it meets the intent and purposes of those programs. *[Section 1114(a)(3)(A)-(B)]* Moreover, the school is not required to maintain separate fiscal accounting records by program that identify the specific activities supported by those particular funds in order to demonstrate that the activities are allowable under the program. *[Section 1114(a)(3)(C)]* Each school, however, must identify the specific programs being consolidated, and the amount each program contributes to the consolidation *[Section 1114(b)(2)(A)(iii)]*, and maintain records that demonstrate that the schoolwide program addresses the intent and purposes of each of the Federal programs whose funds are being consolidated to support the schoolwide program. *[Section 1114(a)(3)(C)]* Each SEA must encourage schools to consolidate funds from Federal, State, and local sources in their schoolwide programs and must eliminate State fiscal and accounting barriers so that these funds can be more easily consolidated. *[Section 1111(c)(9)-(10); see generally 34 CFR 200.29]*

If you do not wish to attend the meetings, but would like additional information, please contact me at 419-986-6640.

Respectfully,

Dana Ward
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