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Standards Certificate Fee Reimbursement Grant
Program

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INTRODUCTION

BACKGROUND: SL 2021-180 Section 7.27(a) established a grant program during the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium for qualifying public-school units (PSUs) to improve teacher quality and mitigate learning loss, notwithstanding G.S. 115C-296.2, by reimbursing teachers for the cost of the participation fee for National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) certification, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

- The law is proscriptive in the criteria for a PSU to qualify and participation required an application submission by each PSU
- Governing bodies of PSUs receiving funds are required to distribute by criteria outlined in the law
- The opportunity is not contingent on a teacher receiving national board status. It is available for any who apply regardless of the outcome of the attempt.

For 2022-2023 the Department distributed funds to the 38 PSUs that applied and the allotment was based on the requested funds in their application. The complete list of allocations, funds used, and teachers reimbursed is provided in Appendix A.2

Annual Reporting

- 1. Public school units applying for and receiving grants.** As was documented in the first year of reporting, while a total of 331 Public School Units (PSU) qualified under criteria outlined in law to participate in this reimbursement program, only 42 submitted applications. Of those 42 applications, 38 were eligible to receive funding. This cohort of 38 eligible PSUs identified in the first year will remain the population that receives the first distribution of reimbursement in year 2 (2022-2023).
- 2. Number of teachers receiving reimbursements.** The 38 districts receiving reimbursement in year 2 supported a total of 438 teachers enrolled in the National Board Certification program. This distribution totaled \$471,278.37 of the \$1,200,000 appropriated for the three-year period. In last year's initial report (2021-2022), the expectation of funding distribution was anticipated to be \$316,702, but no distribution occurred. The department took 2021-2022 to establish the qualified candidates. The first allocation of funds occurred in the second year of the grant window 2022-2023 (Fall 2022).
- 3. Demographic information of teachers receiving reimbursements.** Initial collection efforts of demographic information resulted in an incomplete data set to accurately respond to this question at this time. The Department is currently taking steps to collect these data in year 3 to provide more information in next year's report.
- 4. Employment status of teachers receiving reimbursements, including the public school where the teacher is employed and whether the teacher remains employed with his or her original qualifying public school.** Of the 438 identified candidates to receive funding from year 1 (2021-2022), only one teacher left the PSU they were initially assigned in school year 2022-2023. That move occurred in Alexander county in year 2 after the candidate received funding.

5. **Licensure areas of teachers receiving reimbursements.** Initial collection efforts of candidate licensure areas resulted in an incomplete data set to accurately respond to this question at this time. The Department is currently taking steps to collect these data in year 3 to remedy this and provide more information in next year's report.
6. **Effect of the program on the performance and growth of students taught by teachers receiving reimbursements.** Data are not yet available to answer this question. Outcomes of program effectiveness for this cohort will be obtainable at the conclusion of this reimbursement program.

APPENDIX A
2022-2023

January 15, 2024 PSUs Participation Report

Participating District - PRC 198	Teachers receiving reimbursements in 2022-2023	Amount Awarded to the district	Amount Distributed	Amount of funding available	Number not funded
Alexander County Schools	4	\$10,725.00	\$1,650.00	\$9,075.00	0
Brunswick County Schools	42	\$97,285.00	\$26,291.68	\$70,993.32	0
Cabarrus County Schools	17	\$50,146.00	\$10,687.50	\$39,458.50	0
Caldwell County Schools	8	\$34,975.00	\$32,725.00	\$2,250.00	0
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	28	\$15,810.00	\$15,810.00	\$0.00	92
Chatham County Schools	6	\$21,185.00	\$10,275.00	\$10,910.00	0
Cleveland County Schools	18	\$27,899.00	\$27,899.00	\$0.00	2
Clinton City Schools	5	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	0
Craven County Schools	2	\$12,413.00	\$2,800.00	\$9,613.00	3
Cumberland County Schools	6	\$52,516.00	\$6,650.00	\$45,866.00	0
Duplin County Schools	8	\$67,184.00	\$3,450.00	\$63,734.00	0
East Wake Academy	0	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	0
Edenton-Chowan Schools	3	\$5,225.00	\$3,451.21	\$1,773.79	0
Elkin City Schools (funds returned to NCDPI)	0	\$325.00	\$0.00	\$325.00	0
Franklin County Schools	6	\$6,700.00	\$6,700.00	\$0.00	1
Granville County Schools	13	\$81,419.00	\$14,275.00	\$67,144.00	0
Guilford County Schools	40	\$115,611.00	\$55,525.00	\$60,086.00	0
Henderson County Schools	24	\$35,625.00	\$35,625.00	\$0.00	3
Hyde County Schools	7	\$15,005.00	\$4,150.00	\$10,855.00	0
Jackson County Public Schools	6	\$13,464.00	\$5,434.98	\$8,029.02	5
Johnston County Public Schools	9	\$13,300.00	\$11,986.00	\$1,314.00	0
Lenoir County Public Schools	17	\$19,465.00	\$19,350.00	\$115.00	1
Macon County Schools	0	\$23,464.00	\$0.00	\$23,464.00	0
McDowell County Schools	6	\$15,200.00	\$15,200.00	\$0.00	0
Mitchell County Schools	3	\$3,075.00	\$3,075.00	\$0.00	0
Montgomery County Schools	7	\$13,300.00	\$13,300.00	\$0.00	0
Mount Airy City Schools	16	\$22,868.00	\$22,868.00	\$0.00	0
New Hanover County Schools	44	\$72,794.00	\$23,100.00	\$49,694.00	0
Onslow County Schools	8	\$10,200.00	\$3,800.00	\$6,400.00	0
Rockingham County Schools	8	\$36,986.00	\$6,225.00	\$30,761.00	0
Sampson County Schools	1	\$3,685.00	\$800.00	\$2,885.00	0
Tyrrell County Schools	0	\$2,341.00	\$0.00	\$2,341.00	0
Union County Public Schools (teachers did not work in low)	0	\$28,544.00	\$0.00	\$28,544.00	0

Wake County Schools	26	\$56,350.00	\$35,400.00	\$20,950.00	0
Whiteville City Schools	1	\$1,200.00	\$475.00	\$725.00	2
Wilkes County Schools	12	\$15,751.00	\$10,450.00	\$5,301.00	0
Wilson County Schools	4	\$1,900.00	\$1,900.00	\$0.00	0
Winston Salem/Forsyth County Schools	33	\$187,065.00	\$36,950.00	\$150,115.00	0
Totals	438	\$52	\$471,278.37	\$728,721.63	109

Note: There are four instances where PSUs in this list indicated no participants. The occurred because the PSU applied for initial consideration, but then never submitted candidates after they were selected.