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To: Superintendents and Principals

From: Diana Smith, Director of Digital Learning

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Subject: Fall 2022 Digital Learning Grant

The Fall 2022 Digital Learning Grant is open for applications through Wednesday, August 17. This grant awards school corporations the opportunity to lead and support work that is focused on the following areas:

- Building teacher capacity and learning for high-quality blended and online learning instructional practices and strategies, as outlined in the Educator Standards for Blended and Online Learning;
- Strengthening teacher capacity and learning of Universal Design for Learning (UDL) instructional strategies to support blended and online learning;
- Implementing strategies to address data presented by the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) on the academic impact of COVID-19 learning disruptions, specifically for the most impacted student populations in current blended and online learning environments (e.g., ethnically and racially diverse, special education, and English learner students); and
- Purchasing and implementing technology tools directly related to the above priorities.

Grant funds, up to \$50,000, may be used to support one, or a combination of, the following strands:

Strand 1

Professional learning on blended and online learning best practices.

- Administrative costs related to providing teacher stipends or providing substitute teachers for teacher training of blended and online learning best practices.
- Costs related to hiring trainers and/or speakers knowledgeable in blended and online learning best practices.

Strand 2

Entering into a partnership with a vendor that can provide training and support in Universal Design for Learning (UDL) in blended and online learning.

- Administrative costs related to providing teacher stipends or providing substitute teachers for teacher training and implementation of UDL best practices.
 - Example: The applying school corporation can partner with a UDL service provider to provide intense support for teachers. Digital Learning Grant funds can cover stipends for teachers who take part in this work or substitute teachers to



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provide time for teachers to take part in this work. Grant funds can be used to pay for these partnerships with a UDL service provider.

Continuing work with an existing partnership, which is providing training and support in UDL in blended and online learning.

- Administrative costs related to providing teacher stipends or providing substitute teachers for teacher training and implementation of UDL best practices.
 - Example: The applying school corporation has an existing partnership with a UDL service provider and they wish to continue this work while utilizing Digital Learning Grant funds to provide teacher stipends or substitutes for this work.

Strand 3

The purchase of, and training on, assistive technologies.

- Example: examples of assistive technologies are text to speech, literacy and writing support tools, and accessible screen readers. An applying school corporation will use grant funds to purchase needed assistive technology tools and appropriately train staff on how to integrate those tools with students.

Eligibility: This grant opportunity is open to any Indiana public school corporation that was not awarded the 2022 Digital Learning Grant in April 2022.

Access the Fall 2022 Digital Learning Grant Application [here](#).

Important dates:

- **Grant Opens:** Friday, July 29
- **Grant Application Deadline:** Wednesday, August 24 at noon ET
- **Grant Award Notification:** Friday, September 30
- **Grant End Date:** July 31, 2023
- **Grant Reimbursements Due:** September 29, 2023

STEM Integration Grant

The Office of Digital Learning and the Office of Teaching and Learning are launching separate grant opportunities within the same grant timeline. IDOE encourages corporations to examine both grant opportunities and consider if these grants align with your corporation goals. Please check both memos for eligibility requirements before deciding which grant opportunity(ies) you will pursue. To view the focus of the STEM Integration Grant and eligibility requirements, read the full memo [here](#).

Questions regarding the Fall 2022 Digital Learning Grant opportunity should be directed to the [Office of Digital Learning](#).