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James T. Meeks
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Christopher A. Koch, Ed.D.
State Superintendent of Education

April 28, 2015

Dear Superintendent:

Re: Notification of Eligibility for School Improvement Grant 1003(g) FY2016-FY2020

Based on 2011-2013 performance data, ISBE records indicate that the district has at least one priority school that is eligible to apply for the FY2016 School Improvement Grant (SIG) 1003(g). This grant has a five-year term with annual awards ranging from not less than \$50,000 to \$2 million per participating priority school, to provide adequate resources to substantially raise student achievement.

In order to qualify for SIG 1003 (g) funding, districts and schools are required to adopt one of six reform models and make significant changes to the school's academic and operational processes in order to dramatically improve performance. ISBE is providing web-based technical assistance to districts to ensure that applications are built upon best practice for school improvement. Please visit the ISBE SIG 1003 (g) webpage at http://www.isbe.net/sos/htmls/sip_1003.htm for:

- The official list of priority schools on whose behalf the District may apply for the SIG 1003 (g);
- The Pre-Application Needs Assessment;
- A drafts of the Request for Proposal, and associated Forms;
- Links to federal guidance and other valuable resources;
- A link to the Lead Partner website (which will provide information about pre-approved lead partner organizations); and
- A link to the Letter of Intent to Apply for a FY16 SIG 1003(g).

If the District is thinking about applying on behalf of any or all of its eligible schools, please complete the Letter of Intent to Apply and e-mail it to A. Rae Clementz at aclement@isbe.net by May 15, 2015. This is a non-binding letter that will help ISBE to plan and manage the review process.

In the near future, the District will receive invitations via email to attend informational webinars. Please refer frequently to the SIG 1003 (g) webpage for up-to-date information on the FY2016 SIG 1003(g) competition. Or, feel free to contact A. Rae Clementz at 217-524-4832 or aclement@isbe.net.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robin M. Lisboa".

Robin M. Lisboa
Division Administrator
System of Support and District Intervention