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Schools Receive Nearly \$24.5 Million Dollars in School Improvement Grants for Comprehensive Turnaround

~Persistently Lowest Performing Schools receive a million dollars or more each to improve student achievement~

ROSEVILLE – The Minnesota Department of Education announced nearly \$24.5 million dollars in School Improvement Grants (SIG) to nineteen of the consistently lowest-achieving schools.

Seven schools that applied for grants were determined to not have the means necessary to fully and effectively implement the turnaround strategy plans by September, 2010. These schools will have the opportunity to reapply for over \$13 million in SIG funds in 2011.

"The SIG schools have an opportunity to dramatically transform student learning and student achievement," said Patricia King, Office of Turnaround Schools director. "Not only do these nineteen schools have the willingness to make the quick and dramatic changes necessary to help students achieve, they also have the capacity to make the necessary changes. I look forward to working with these schools to make significant gains in student achievement."

Schools receiving SIG funds are expected to fully and effectively implement the chosen turnaround model in its entirety by the first day of the 2010 school year which will result in a quick and dramatic change to raise achievement. In addition to implementing one of the four intervention models, applicants selected for award were required to conduct the following activities:

- Hire a Turnaround Officer(s) or establish a Turnaround Office to be involved in the dayto-day management of turnaround efforts at the district level.
- Provide additional time and resources for educators to collaborate and access highquality, job-embedded professional development opportunities.
- Add at least an hour of additional instructional time per day.
- Hire a full-time Site Administrative Manager (SAM) with duties similar to those of an Assistant Principal, freeing up other administrators to focus on the instructional program.
- Ensure that each principal successfully completes the Minnesota Principals' Academy to help them perform effectively in the turnaround environment.

The seven schools that did not receive a grant this year include: New Spirit Primary School, East High - Minnesota Internship Center, Hmong College Prep Academy High School - Hmong College Prep Academy, Transitions Sr. High - Minnesota Transitions Charter School, Unity Campus - Minnesota Internship Center, Urban Academy Charter School - Urban Academy Charter School and Riverway Secondary - Riverway Charter School.

The Department will work with the seven schools that were not selected this year for the grant to develop the capacity necessary to engage in dramatic change. This includes inviting the principals to participate in the Principals Academy. "We are committed to working with these schools to achieve a state of readiness," King said, "so that they have the capacity to fully implement the turnaround model in 2011."

All 26 schools that applied for the SIG grants submitted an application, provided clarifications where necessary and participated in interviews to provide an overview of the proposed plan, specifically addressing each of the model components. Interviews allowed the opportunity for schools to clarify and provide additional information to support the proposed application. The applications and corresponding summary reviews for all 26 will be posted to the MDE Website within 30 days.

School Improvement Grant 2010 Awardees

School Name	District	Model	Amount
Bethune Elementary	Minneapolis Public School District	Transformation	\$1,200,000
Braham Area Secondary	Braham Public School District	Transformation	\$1,316,084
Broadway Arts & Technology	Minneapolis Public School District	Transformation	\$950,000
Brooklyn Center Secondary	Brooklyn Center Public School District	Transformation	\$1,400,000
Cass Lake-Bena Secondary	Cass Lake Public School District	Transformation	\$1,059,036
East Central Senior Secondary	East Central Public School District	Transformation	\$1,000,473
Edison Senior High	Minneapolis Public School District	Turnaround	\$1,900,000
Hmong International Academy	Minneapolis Public School District	Transformation	\$1,200,000
Humboldt Senior High	St. Paul Public School District	Turnaround	\$1,700,000
Isle Secondary	Isle Public School District	Transformation	\$1,000,000
Lucy Laney at Cleveland Park Elementary	Minneapolis Public School District	Turnaround	\$1,600,000
Maxfield Magnet Elementary	St. Paul Public School District	Transformation	\$1,200,000
New Visions Charter School	New Visions Charter School	Transformation	\$1,113,272.25
North View IB World School	Osseo Public School District	Transformation	\$1,700,000
Ogilvie Secondary	Ogilvie Public School District	Transformation	\$1,122,222
Ponemah Elementary	Red Lake Public School District	Transformation	\$1,070,635
Red Lake Senior High	Red Lake Public School District	Transformation	\$1,250,413
Waubun Secondary	Waubun Public School District	Transformation	\$1,400,000
Wellstone International High	Minneapolis Public School District	Transformation	\$1,200,000

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Total	\$24,382,135.25