



**Gervais School District**

ESTABLISHED 1834

# Early Literacy Success School District Grant Application

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# Purpose for Presentation

- To share information about the Gervais School District's Early Literacy Plan as part of the Early Learning Success School District Grant application, as required by the Early Literacy Success Initiative legislation.
- To provide an opportunity for public comment on the application.
- To seek board approval for the Early Literacy School District Grant application.

# Why the Early Literacy Success Grant Matters

- Literacy is the foundation for learning.
- Securing an Early Literacy Success School District Grant is another funding source for our school district to have the resources necessary to boost and enhance our ability to deliver high-quality literacy instruction and interventions.
  - *We can opt to customize how the funds are spent in many ways, and we plan to use the funds to help pay for our Reading TOSA position.*

# Early Literacy Success School District Grants

**What:** Non-competitive, application-based, annual grant-in-aid

**Who:** School districts and eligible public charter schools that are elementary schools

**Why:** To support comprehensive early literacy plans that are research-based

**When:** Application deadline January 8, 2024

**How Much:** \$90 million for the 2023-25 biennium funded through the Statewide Education Initiatives Account

# Early Literacy Plan:

Our application for the Early Literacy Success School District Grant covers the initial 2023-2025 biennium and was submitted on December 12, 2023.

➡ Required Inventory—who did what?

## Allocation:

2023-24--\$70,284

2024-25--\$73,153

The full amount for both year's will go towards the salary and benefit cost of our reading TOSA.

# Early Literacy Program Review

## Strengths:

- Already in Year 2 of focused work
- Adoption of curriculum and ongoing PD
- Pre-K curriculum aligned to GES
- Data analysis every 6-7 weeks
- Tiered support systems/curriculum/assessments
- Strong relationships with students/staff
- Literacy Nights/focus already in place

# Early Literacy Program Review (continued): Areas for Growth:

- Improving scores in area of reading fluency and comprehension at all grade levels for all population of students
- Factors to consider: attendance, language/exposure, parent involvement

## Areas of focus per grant requirements:

- Professional Development
- Extended Learning
- High Dosage Tutoring
- Research-Aligned Curriculum
- Communication Plan
- Student Growth Assessment
- Matching Funds



# Professional Development & Coaching

- Ongoing PD in relation to ELA curriculum  
Wonders, Really Great Reading, I-Ready
- Focus on Literary Strategies
- Classroom observations
- TOSAs—Reading and Teaching/Learning
- Districtwide focus on student engagement through teacher evaluation system

## Extended Learning

- Latinex After School Grant
- Summer School

## High Dosage Tutoring

(based on assessment data and guidance from TOSA)

- After School
- Summer School

## Research-Aligned Curriculum

- Adopted Curriculum K-12

## Communication Plan

- Focus Groups, Roundtable Discussion, Email, Newsletters, Family Nights, Conferences, Website, Social Media, Annual Reports, Surveys

## Student Growth Assessments

- I-Ready, SBAC, Wonders, Really Great Reading

## Matching Funds

- Salary and benefits are just under \$125,000 and the district uses Title 1A funds to pay for this as well as other materials and training.

Questions????