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Dear Grantee,

Two Important Announcements that could not wait until I return from vacation

1. AO 400 Letters also known as Grantee Award Notices

Due to the ASES rate increase (now \$8.88 per student) the database in ASSIST had to be changed as this is what starts the entire AO400 process. I talked with EXLD staff today, look for them to come out some time near end of August-mid September! Remember you signed assurances to have enough funds for 3 months of services! As soon as they are released I will send you an email letting you know that they have been sent! Reminder when they are sent they go to the Supt. office!

2. Additional Funding Opportunities: Got these recently and many due dates coming up!

US Department of Education Updates STEM Webpage

STEM policy lead, Jean Morrow, and yours truly, worked to update the Department's STEM webpage. Please check it out and let me know what you think. www.ed.gov/stem

IES Grant Opportunities

The Institute of Education Sciences (IES) supports research that addresses important issues in education and special education and develops solutions that improve school readiness and academic achievement for all students. While STEM is a specific grant category, STEM content and methods can also be embedded in other grant categories such as: career and technical education, early learning, cognition and student learning, English learners, effective instruction, educational technology, reading and writing, special education, etc. Grants range between \$100,000 and \$660,000 and up to five years. For information <https://ies.ed.gov/funding/>

NSF CISE Grant Opportunities

The National Science Foundation released a series of [grant opportunities](#) via its Computer and Information Science and Engineering (CISE) Directorate with due dates in 2019 and 2020. CISE supports transformative research and education projects that develop new knowledge in all aspects of computing, communications, and information science and engineering, as well as advanced cyberinfrastructure, with an emphasis on broadening participating in computing. Eligible applicants include 2- and 4-yr institutes of higher education (IHEs) as well as non-profit organizations such as museums and professional societies. Small, medium and large projects are being sought.

Education Blockchain Summit

On June 20, 2019, the Office of Educational Technology (OET) of the U.S. Department of Education hosted the first Summit of Education Blockchains in Washington, DC. The Summit focused on the potential of education blockchains to enable learner agency by facilitating exchange of achievements across educational and employment contexts. Over 100 participants participated in the Summit,

including educational administrators, technology developers, standards bodies, and policymakers. The discussions focused on solutions for understanding policies around public and private learning data, interoperability standards, and resolving principles of self-sovereign identity. Following the Summit, OET will continue to work with stakeholders to build the Education Blockchain Action Network and develop resources to provide information on implementation of education blockchains. More information can be found at <https://tech.ed.gov/blockchain/>.

Title IVA Spending Survey Results

Ed Week's [Blog](#) reported that Safety, STEM & Teacher PD rank high among school administrators when spending their Student Support and Academic Enrichment (Title IVA) grant funds from the U.S. Department of Education, according to survey conducted by the National Association of Federal Program Administrators, the Title IVA Coalition and others. Less than a quarter of respondents transferred their funds to another program and more than half reported receiving more than \$30,000, which triggers the conduct of a needs analysis.

Google Offers K-12 CS Teacher Resources

Most students are not getting the Computer Science (CS) education they need—and teachers have insufficient resources to provide it. Google has published a series of teacher resources to help educators give their students confidence in CS, advance their skills, and prepare them for the future. [Code with Google](#) is designed to ensure that every student has access to the collaborative, coding, and technical skills that unlock opportunities in their classrooms and careers.

PLAN AHEAD!!!!

I will be gone on vacation July 29th-August 7th and will not be checking Voice Mail nor Email during this time. If you need something specific from me please let me know by Tuesday, July 23, 2019 so that I may try to meet your need before I am gone.

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