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Sent time: Friday, October 21, 2011 9:49:27 PM
To: cari@excelined.org
Subject: FW: Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy discretionary awards announced

rats....so close!!!!

From: Greenberg, Stuart
Sent: Thu 10/20/2011 9:41 PM
To: Webster, Melinda; Greenberg, Stuart; Gumm, Ruth; Lee, Laurie; Moeller, Katie; Smith, Kevin
Subject: FW: Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy discretionary awards announced

We missed Striving Readers by 1 point

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From: Lund, Miriam [mailto:Miriam.Lund@ed.gov]
Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2011 7:51 AM
To: Greenberg, Stuart
Subject: RE: Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy discretionary awards announced

Stu,

[I should clarify that there was no "cut" score for funding. Applications were rank ordered by score and funded until the funding ran out.](#)

From: Greenberg, Stuart [mailto:Stuart.Greenberg@fldoe.org]
Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2011 7:21 AM
To: Lund, Miriam
Subject: RE: Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy discretionary awards announced

I am not in the office however, I believe that was our score. Was the final score the only determining factor?

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From: Lund, Miriam [mailto:Miriam.Lund@ed.gov]
Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2011 6:52 AM
To: Greenberg, Stuart
Subject: RE: Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy discretionary awards announced

Stu,

[The lowest scoring application to receive funding was scored at a 94 by their peer review team.](#)

Miriam

From: Greenberg, Stuart [mailto:Stuart.Greenberg@fldoe.org]
Sent: Wednesday, October 19, 2011 8:21 PM
To: Greenberg, Stuart; Chase, Katie
Cc: Lund, Miriam
Subject: RE: Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy discretionary awards announced

Hi Katie and Miriam,
Can you please let me know the what the cut scores were for the states that won Striving Readers awards?
Best,
Stu

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From: Greenberg, Stuart
Sent: Tuesday, October 04, 2011 1:21 PM
To: Chase, Katie
Cc: Lund, Miriam
Subject: RE: Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy discretionary awards announced

Hi,
We did receive the scoring sheets. Can you tell me what the cut scores were for those that were funded?

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From: Chase, Katie [mailto:Katie.Chase@ed.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2011 1:35 PM
To: Greenberg, Stuart
Cc: Lund, Miriam
Subject: FW: Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy discretionary awards announced

Hi Stu,
I checked with my colleague Becky Marek, and she says, "the comments went out on Monday. One set to the Authorizing rep and another to the project director. They should get them sometime this week."
Thanks and take care,
Katie

From: Chase, Katie
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2011 1:21 PM
To: Marek, Rebecca
Subject: FW: Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy discretionary awards announced

Hi Becky:
Do you know when Synergy sent out the reviewer's comments.
Thanks,
Katie

From: Greenberg, Stuart [mailto:Stuart.Greenberg@fldoe.org]
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2011 12:25 PM
To: Chase, Katie
Subject: RE: Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy discretionary awards announced

Hi,
We have not received any feedback. Do you know when/if this was mailed out?
Best,
Stu

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From: Chase, Katie [mailto:Katie.Chase@ed.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, September 13, 2011 1:55 PM
To: Greenberg, Stuart
Subject: RE: Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy discretionary awards announced

Hi Stu:
The reviewer's comments and scores will be mailed. The reviewers personal information had to be redacted, and I'm told that hard copies were the most secure way to do this.
Take care,
Katie

From: Greenberg, Stuart [mailto:Stuart.Greenberg@fldoe.org]

Sent: Tuesday, September 13, 2011 11:34 AM
To: Chase, Katie
Subject: Re: Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy discretionary awards announced

Thank you. Will they contact us through email?

From: Chase, Katie [mailto:Katie.Chase@ed.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, September 13, 2011 11:32 AM
To: Greenberg, Stuart
Cc: Lund, Miriam <Miriam.Lund@ed.gov>
Subject: RE: Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy discretionary awards announced

Hi Stu:
I heard Synergy is sending the materials this week.
Take care,
Katie

From: Greenberg, Stuart [mailto:Stuart.Greenberg@fldoe.org]
Sent: Tuesday, September 13, 2011 11:17 AM
To: Chase, Katie
Subject: Re: Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy discretionary awards announced

Hi
Do you have a date that we can expect the feedback?

From: Chase, Katie [mailto:Katie.Chase@ed.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 08, 2011 08:44 AM
To: Greenberg, Stuart
Subject: RE: Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy discretionary awards announced

Hi Stu:
Thanks for your e-mail. Synergy (the contractor that helped with the logistics of the grant review process) will be sending out reviewer's scores and comments to all applicants. They are working on it now, and those should be to you very shortly. ED does not plan on releasing reviewer's names.
Take care,
Katie

From: Greenberg, Stuart [mailto:Stuart.Greenberg@fldoe.org]
Sent: Thursday, September 08, 2011 7:58 AM
To: Chase, Katie
Subject: Re: Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy discretionary awards announced

Good morning
Can you let me know how we scored and who scored our application (Florida).

Best
Stu

From: Chase, Katie [mailto:Katie.Chase@ed.gov]
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Dear SRCL formula grantee:

Below please find a [press release](#) announcing the winners of the SRCL discretionary grant competition. Several of you had inquired about this information, so I am forwarding it to all in case it is of interest.

A few of you also have e-mailed me to clarify the time period for the formula grant awards (the grants that were awarded in October of 2010). Your SEA has until September 30, 2012 (next year) to spend the funds. Because these awards are formula grant awards, there is an automatic Tydings Amendment period attached to them that extends the project period by 12 months.

I'd also like to draw your attention to the part of the following press release that reads, "The Education Department will ... provide training and support services to the 48 formula grantees as well as the six discretionary grantees. This will include a grantees' meeting, webinars, a Summer Literacy Institute, and other types of assistance depending on the needs of the grantees." There are preliminary plans to have a grantee meeting here in Washington, D.C., in early November. I am asking you to weigh-in on the kinds of activities and information that would be of use in furthering the development and implementation of your State Literacy Plans. It will help me conceptualize a meeting that will be useful to you and your State Literacy Team.

Take care,
Katie

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\$180 Million Awarded to Six States for Comprehensive Literacy Program Aimed at Children, Birth-Grade 12

September 7, 2011

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More than \$180 million in grants were awarded to six states through the Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy Program, which helps states pursue a comprehensive approach to improving literacy outcomes for all children -- birth through grade 12, including limited-English-proficient students and students with disabilities. Thirty-five states applied for the funding.

Never before have grants been awarded by the U.S. Department of Education for literacy projects aimed at comprehensive state programs that encompass such a broad age range. The six winning states will hold competitions of their own to award 95 percent of the funds as "sub-grants" to local school districts and early learning providers.

The Striving Readers program requires states to use at least 15 percent of their grant funds to serve children from birth through age 5, while 40 percent must go toward supporting students in grades K-5, and 40 percent for middle and high schools with an equitable distribution between the two. The remaining five percent can be set aside for state administration of the grants.

"Supporting children's reading skills can help students build a lifelong love of learning," said U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan. "These grants will increase access to strong literacy instruction through innovative approaches by providing states and districts the flexibility they need to identify the literacy programs best suited to meet their students needs."

The states winning the grants under the Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy Program include:

- Georgia, \$25,650,000.
- Louisiana, \$28,500,000.
- Montana, \$7,600,000.
- Nevada, \$14,250,000
- Pennsylvania, \$38,000,000.
- Texas, \$66,500,000

Funds will support programs that advance literacy skills through professional development, screening and assessment, targeted interventions for students reading below grade level and other research-based methods of improving classroom instruction and practice.

While only six states will receive discretionary grants, 48 states received formula funding in 2010 to create a state literacy team charged with developing a comprehensive state literacy plan.

Many of those states have made important progress in establishing literacy teams and developing draft plans that serve the literacy needs of children from birth through grade 12. The U.S. Department of Education will award a technical assistance contract this fall to provide training and support services to the 48 formula grantees as well as the six discretionary grantees.

This will include a grantees' meeting, webinars, a Summer Literacy Institute, and other types of assistance depending on the needs of the grantees. The Department also plans to facilitate cross-state collaboration and resource sharing that will allow all states to benefit from the lessons learned as the six grantees implement their plans.

Under the administration's fiscal year 2012 budget proposal, reading and literacy programs would be administered under a new effort to be known as the Effective Teaching and Learning: Literacy program. It would provide competitive grants to states alone or in partnership with other entities (such as nonprofit organizations and institutions of higher education) in order to support comprehensive state and local efforts aimed at improving literacy instruction, especially in high-need schools for children and youth from preschool through grade 12.

The program would build on the progress the Department seeks to achieve with 2010 funds for the revised Striving Readers program, which consolidates reading programs segmented by grade level. The program would strengthen education for literacy by ensuring that all the elements of a comprehensive literacy program are embedded in state and local strategies, by strengthening performance expectations, and by supporting the identification and scaling-up of innovative methods of teaching reading, writing, and language arts.

For more information on the Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy Program, visit: <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/strivingreaders-literacy/index.html>.