

NEWTON

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Memorandum

To: David Fleishman, Superintendent of Schools

From: Joseph Russo, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education
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Re: Title 1 Program

The Newton Public Schools have received Title 1 funds since the federal law was enacted in 1965. Title 1 is an entitlement grant under ESEA (the Elementary and Secondary Education Act) and NCLB (No Child Left Behind); rather than a competitive grant. Funding is based on low-income data available to the Department of Education in Washington. Using a detailed formula, DOE grants funds to each state, which then distributes the funds by county to each school district based on local low-income figures. School districts must have more than 2% poverty to receive funding. Newton is identified by Massachusetts as having 4.77% school age children in poverty for Title 1 purposes. Our allocation is an annual per capita amount based on that figure.

Local schools are selected to receive Title 1 funding based on the rank order of the percent of children who apply for and are eligible to receive Free and Reduced Lunch. The amount of funding assigned to each school is a per pupil formula based on the number of students receiving Free and Reduced Lunch. For this academic year, the Title 1 schools in Newton are Lincoln-Eliot, Horace Mann, Williams and Franklin (in that rank order). While our commitment is to early intervention and providing Title 1 funding to the elementary level, for FY 12 Bigelow will also receive Title 1 funding under the new NCLB waiver recently received by Massachusetts. The allocation to Newton for fiscal year 13 is \$421,895. This is a 3.5% decrease from FY 12. Title 1 is part of the program review conducted every 6 years by DESE and this coming school year Newton Public Schools will be participating in that review.

The primary focus of Title 1 is to “Supplement not Supplant” funding available from the local school district. Funding is primarily used to provide supplementary aide staffing during the day at all of the Title 1 elementary programs. Title 1 schools also use their funding to extend the school day and school year with additional support services. In FY 12, approximately 256 elementary and 93 middle school students received Title 1 instruction during the school year and summer.

Regulations also require that funding be spent for Professional Development for staff and Parent Outreach activities at Title 1 schools. The analysis of data is especially important to Title 1. While no one program can stand alone in data analysis, the figures help us to understand the need for and design services.

At the School Committee meeting, we will discuss the Title 1 extended school year summer programs in Newton. These include Elementary Summer Success, Middle School Summer Success, and Ready Set Go for entering K children. Alice O’Rourke, the Elementary Summer Success Director, Kara Temple, a Franklin 4th grade teacher who taught rising 3rd graders during the summer, and I will highlight these components of the program:

- Student selection and staffing
- The emphasis on literacy skills
- The focus on data collection
- “Counting something” for both literacy and math
- Parent Outreach
- Professional Development in literacy and math

Staff, students and parents are routinely asked to complete surveys for the majority of programs presented by Title 1. Their responses help to inform the planning process for subsequent services and programs. Feedback is welcomed at all times.

While Title 1 is a highly regulated grant, there is also reasonable room for creativity and room to address specific identified needs within a school system as long as the programs adhere to the requirements of the federal grant.

We look forward to Newton’s 48th year of receiving Title 1 federal funding.

Attachments:

- Title 1 FY 13 Budget by line item and school
- Sample data sheets from Elementary Summer Success
- Photo of book reports for the wall of the 100 books ready by Kara Temple’s students

**Title 1 Budget
FY 13**

By Line Item:	Allocation	% of budget
Administrative Costs		
Director, Secretaries (includes health, other fees)	\$53,934	12.8
Teacher Salaries	\$79,463	18.8
Aides Salaries (during the school day)	\$168,174	39.9
Aide Salaries (extended day)	\$20,142	4.8
Summer Elementary Teachers and Aides	\$52,928	12.6
Summer Middle School Teachers and Aides	\$22,750	5.4
Parent Involvement Activities	\$1,200	0.3
Professional Development (to pay staff or outside presenters)	\$11,176	2.7
Travel (to attend conferences outside Newton)	\$1,300	0.3
Supplies and printing for all programs	\$4,873	1.1
Second Step (NPS is fiscal agent for their Title 1 allocation)	\$4,455	1.1
Private School Contract (a set aside for one possible student)	\$1,500	0.4
Total	\$421,895	100.2

By School:	Allocation	% poverty
Program Expenditures	146,052	(administrative costs, summer programs, Second Step, and private school services)
Lincoln-Eliot	147,107	30.3
Horace Mann	39,298	14.0
Williams	28,138	13.2
Franklin	28,138	12.8
Bigelow	33,162	(NCLB Waiver for extended day and extended year services)
Total	421,895	