

Teacher Mentorship & Retention of Effective Teachers Grant Report Form

Instructions:

Please send an electronic copy of the Teacher Mentorship & Retention of Effective Teachers final completed report by June 30, 2020 to saba.teshome@state.mn.us.

Report components:

- I. Coversheet
- II. Teacher Mentorship & Retention of effective Teachers Program Narrative – Please describe how you have strengthened and/or supplemented your existing mentorship and retention efforts and how the awarded funds allowed you to do this work. Additionally, describe any specific work done to support teachers new to the profession or district, including teaching residents, teachers of color, teachers who are American Indian, teachers in license shortage areas, teachers with special needs, and/or experienced teachers in need of peer coaching. Finally, using the methodologies outlined in the “Progress Monitoring” portion of your original proposal, evaluate the effectiveness of the funded work.
- III. Program Data – Please provide data from the year funded by the grant. Please also describe how grant funding has impacted the data from the most recent reporting year. You are welcome to include graphs.
- IV. Additional Reporting Requirements – Please provide information on any additional funding that was used to support mentorship and retention efforts. Districts and schools must also provide information on retention strategies that were developed as a part of the grant program.
- V. Teacher Mentorship & Retention of effective Teachers Grant Funds Expenditure – Please list all awarded funds, differentiating between funds spent and funds yet to be spent this fiscal year. Fill in the “method of progress monitoring” and “data” columns based on the information in sections VI of your proposal.

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Grantee Information

Legal Name of Applicant Organization	
Total Grant Amount	
Identify the category you applied under	<input type="checkbox"/> a school district <input type="checkbox"/> group of school districts <input type="checkbox"/> a coalition of school districts, teachers <u>and</u> teacher education institutions <input type="checkbox"/> a coalition of schools, teachers <u>or</u> non-licensed educators

Identified Official with Authority

Name of official with authority to sign	
Title	
Address	
City, State and Zip code + 4	
Phone Number and Email	

Primary Program Contact

Name of program contact	
Title	
Address	
City, State and Zip code + 4	
Phone Number and Email	

Teacher Mentorship & Retention of Effective Teachers Grant Program Narrative

PELSB provided the University of St. Thomas' School of Education a grant of \$10,178.59. The funds were used to adapt and develop a culturally competent, explicit reading instruction course using the St. Thomas' online platform, CAPE. The course is based on best practice reading instruction from experts at Groves Academy. The course is interactive and provides participants opportunities to demonstrate their knowledge throughout the course. Each participant also evaluates the course after completion.

According to the Minnesota Department of Education, Minnesota classrooms are not reaching all students' literacy needs, likely because many education systems do not have adequate structures to support the professional learning of educators, not all educators utilize best practices in the teaching of foundational reading skills, student groups experience core instruction differently, and the systems have not implemented culturally sustaining curriculum and instructional practices.

The course developed provides teachers professional development in explicit reading instruction as well as cultural competency, so that our teachers will be empowered to create more inclusive classrooms, which will lead to teachers persisting in the profession by feeling they can bring their authentic selves to work and feeling respected. Our approach is to intertwine equity and excellence so that one does not exist without the other. We believe an integrated reading instruction that is culturally sustaining is necessary if we wish to truly teach all children, and this course will help achieve that.

With delays caused by social distancing as result of COVID 19, the course development was delayed. Our goal is to have the course ready for teachers across the state by the end of the summer. Funds have been allocated to support the experts at Groves Academy for their work in the creation of the course as well as the St. Thomas CAPE system for their design and management of the course.

Teacher Mentorship & Retention of Effective Teachers Grant Program Data

Please provide the total expected numbers and percentages of total participants for each of the following groups that your program will involve. Numbers may reflect teachers in multiple categories being counted more than once. Each category's percentage is of the total number of teachers being mentored under this grant.

Table 1: Total number of teachers new to the profession or district that received mentoring as a result of this grant.

N/A

Teachers Mentored Using Grant Funding	American Indian or Alaskan Native	Asian or Pacific Islander	Hispanic	Black	White	Other
Tier 3 Teachers new to the profession or district						
Tier 2 new to the profession or district						
Tier 1 teachers new to the profession or district						
Teaching residents*						
Teacher in license shortage areas						
Teachers with special needs						
Experienced teachers in need of peer coaching						
Total: All teachers supported by grant funding						

*Teaching residents are those in a special in-service induction program, usually with a reduced instructional loads during the first year of employment and additional mentoring and/or professional development. For the purposes of this grant, residents are not pre-service candidates seeking initial licensure in their field and participating in a PELSB-approved residency program or student teachers completing other licensure programs.

Table 2: Total number of mentors who were paid stipends under this grants for providing mentorship to teachers.

N/A

Mentor Demographics	Paid a stipend as part of a larger mentorship program	Paid an additional stipend
American Indian or Alaskan Native		
Asian or Pacific Islander		
Hispanic		
Black		
White		
Other		
Total		

Analysis of Data

N/A

Teacher Mentorship & Retention of Effective Teachers Grant Additional Reporting Requirements

Retention Strategies

Per Minn. Stat. § 122A.70, a school district that receives a grant must negotiate additional retention strategies for teachers who are of color or who are American Indian in their beginning years of employment, such as financial incentives for working in the school/district for at least five years or providing collegial support through teacher placement. Please describe the strategies your organization developed.

N/A

Additional Funding

Please list any and all additional funding you used to support teacher mentorship and retention efforts. Specify if these funds were used to support teachers new to the profession or district, including teaching residents, teachers of color, teachers who are American Indian, teachers in license shortage areas, teachers with special needs, and/or experienced teachers in need of peer coaching.

The School of Education developed the cultural competency online professional development course using internal funding.

Teacher Mentorship & Retention of Effective Teachers Grant Funds Expenditure

Table 3: Grant Funds Expenditure

Amount	Description of Use of Funds	Primarily Used for:	Method of Progress Monitoring	Data
		<input type="checkbox"/> Recruitment <input type="checkbox"/> Retention <input type="checkbox"/> Induction		
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