DPS Awarded $1.1 Million Grant

Dickinson, ND – Dickinson Public Schools (DPS) is continuing in its improvement efforts with the help of a competitive federal grant. The U.S. Department of Education will be providing nearly $1.1 million to DPS through the School Climate Transformation Grant. The district received notification of their successful grant application on October 1, 2019. The grant will provide over $200,000 to the district each year for five years.

The School Climate Transformation grant will allow the district to expand its resources in implementing the Marzano High Reliability Schools (HRS) model and provide targeted professional development opportunities for staff and administrators. DPS Superintendent Dr. Shon Hocker shared, “This grant is an incredible opportunity for our district to focus on school climate transformation. Providing embedded coaching for our MTSS/RTI teams will greatly improve our student support systems. The grant also provides valuable funding for principal training and the continuation of our district-wide focus on becoming a High Reliable School system over the next five years.”

The award will cover 40% of the salary for the community relations coordinator, who will serve as the school climate community liaison and project director for the grant. It will also help develop school climate through community programming and opioid awareness education.

The School Climate Transformation grant will provide $42.4 million to 69 districts across the county.

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