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ACTION BY:
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Contact Person:
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TO: Elementary Afterschool Principals
Afterschool Directors

FROM: Janis Andrews, Ed. D. *J.A.*
Chief Academic Officer

SUBJECT: AFTERSCHOOL ACADEMIC ENRICHMENTS FY13

In an effort to bridge the learning day, the Department of Afterschool Programming will be offering three initiatives for FY13. Please note:

- All initiatives utilize existing afterschool counselors that are trained and supported by Department of Afterschool Programming instructional specialists
- All initiatives require a certified teacher to serve as an Academic Advisor
- All initiatives require a classroom-type setting with technology access
- Cost of each initiative is detailed in the table following each description

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Initiative

The *Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Initiative (STEM)* curriculum was written by the Department of Afterschool Programming’s instructional specialists to align with the District’s scope and sequence. *STEM* was established to support and enrich science and math benchmarks taught during the regular school day in grades kindergarten through five while introducing students to the fields of technology and engineering. The *STEM* program utilizes the inquiry-based 5E Learning Cycle allowing students to engage, explore, explain, elaborate and evaluate topics in a hands-on, cooperative learning environment. The initiative is available for primary and/or intermediate levels and is implemented one hour a day, three days a week during afterschool.

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| Curriculum/Supplies/Per Group | \$1000.00 |
| Academic Advisor/6 hours per week/33 weeks | \$5,700.00 |

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Explore Literacy Initiative

The *Explore Literacy* curriculum was developed by the Department of Afterschool Programming's instructional specialists around fiction and non-fiction read-aloud titles and includes readers' theater selections. While building fluency through practice, Readers' Theater promotes team building by having students read together in a fun filled learning environment. *Explore Literacy* was developed to support fluency and comprehension taught during the regular school day. Although developed primarily for grades kindergarten through three, the initiative is available to all elementary grades. *Explore Literacy* is implemented one hour per day three days a week. Students will have daily choices within the lesson and opportunities to participate in vocabulary games, personal enrichment activities, graphic organizers, reflections and technology extensions.

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| Curriculum/Supplies/Per group | \$1000.00 |
| Academic Advisor/6 hours per week/33 weeks | \$5,700.00 |

IBM Reading Companion

IBM Reading Companion is a grant funded interactive web-based, technology that "listens," guides and prompts children as they learn to read and improve their English literacy skills. It uses innovative speech recognition technology that provides individualized feedback to the user, enabling emerging readers to practice pronunciation as they acquire fundamental reading skills. This initiative fully supports fluency and comprehension taught during the regular school day in grades kindergarten through two. It is implemented 30 minutes per day two days a week during afterschool. **Note:** sites are required to implement either *STEM* or *Literacy Explorer* to be eligible for *IBM Reading Companion*.

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| Curriculum | Grant funded |
| Microphone Headset/Per 15 students | \$270.00 |
| Academic Advisor/3 hours per week/33 weeks | \$2,850.00 |

Give 'em a Boost

Give 'em a Boost is a personal enrichment and healthy living program. It utilizes the *Sports, Play, Active Recreation for Kids (SPARK)*, *Camp Boost* and *Discover Art* curricula. Students who take part in the *SPARK* program will develop a variety of motor skills aimed at increasing participation in physical activities, maintain or improve physical

fitness and develop the social skills needed to connect with others in group recreation activities.

Camp Boost, developed by Healthy Lifestyle Choices, is an educational program that empowers youth by developing the skills and attitudes needed to avoid participating in risky behaviors and to lead healthier lives. *Discover Art* is based upon the *Come Look with Me* book series which engages students in art appreciation and exploration activities. The initiative is available for primary and/or intermediate levels and is implemented one hour a day, three days a week.

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| Curriculum (varies by site needs and interests) | Varies |
| Supplies/Per group (varies by site needs) | Varies |
| Academic Advisor/3 hours per week/33 weeks | \$2,520.00 |

All initiatives require students to be identified by your school through TERMS for the specific purpose of analysis of student enrollment and achievement data. Directions for the completion of this process are forwarded to participating programs at the start of the school year.

Programs eligible for financial assistance through special projects grant awards will be notified directly.

Questions may be directed to Kathleen Moore, Manager, at PX 76365 or 687-6365.

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Approved: _____

E. Wayne Gent, Superintendent

**Afterschool Academic Enrichment Initiative
FY13 Afterschool Academic Enrichment Initiatives Response
Return by September 14, 2012**

School _____

Principal _____ Date _____

Principal Signature _____

Afterschool Director _____

Anticipated Afterschool Enrollment _____

You may request more than one initiative. Requests will be reviewed by the Department of Afterschool Programming to determine the appropriateness and availability of the initiatives requested. Principals will be notified via phone/email for any additional needed information to determine sites to be served.

(Write in name of Initiative: STEM, Literacy Explorer, IBM Reading Companion and/ or Give 'em a Boost)

I wish to:

Continue _____

Request the Addition _____

Terminate _____

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Request the Addition _____

Terminate _____

**Please Return - Via Pony to:
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