

SCHOOL ALLOCATION MEMORANDUM NO. 82, FY 2015

DATE: October 30, 2014

TO: Community Superintendents
High School Superintendents
Children First Networks
School Principals

FROM: Raymond J. Orlando, Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT: Showcase Schools Program

The Showcase Schools Program is designed to support interschool collaborative learning by coordinating a structured visitation system. This will allow educators to visit schools with strong practices in a specific Learning Focus Area. Working with a team member from the central office team, each Showcase School team will host three learning focus tours per year and capture their strong practices as resources to share citywide.

2014 – 2015 Showcase Cohort

The Showcase Schools Program seeks to: 1) Build the capacity of Showcase Schools to share their strong practices with other schools and to continue strengthening their own practices, 2) Support visiting educators to learn systems, structures, and strategies to strengthen particular areas of practice, and 3) Strengthen system-wide knowledge sharing about strong practices in order to improve student outcomes. During the 2014-2015 school year, each Showcase School will receive tailored support from the Office of Interschool Collaborative Learning through:

- Support from a Showcase Schools program team member with instructional and operational expertise who will help:
 - Plan school visits and learning activities
 - Document promising practices and collect feedback
- \$11,000 in funding to be used toward:
 - Per-diem payments to make staff available for program activities
 - Per-session payments for planning time and professional development during the school year
 - Expenses for printed materials, equipment, books, food, etc.

During the 2014-2015 school year, each Showcase School principal and his/her team of approximately 4 staff members will:

- Plan for and lead three learning focus tours for approximately 30 educators
- Participate in a kick-off event
- Collaborate with central team member on creation of learning focus tour agendas, activities, and materials, as well as to document and share strong practices citywide (e.g. via a self-guided blended learning course)
- Participate in a mid-year conference to share practices with other schools
- Work with a central team member to provide advisory support around learning focus
- Provide feedback to central team members to support program improvements

Allocation amounts for each school can be viewed in the attached table. The funds for this allotment will be placed in the allocation category, “**TL Showcase School Support**” or “**TL Showcase School Support CW**”.

Funds are available to be used for (1) OTPS purchases in object code series 100, 300, 451, 615, 685, 686, and 689; (3) Per Session for all titles; and/or (4) Per Diem.

[Please click here to download a copy of the School Allocation Memorandum.](#)

Attachment:

Table 1 – School Allocations ([Please click here for a downloadable Excel file](#))

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Table 1: Schools Allocation Summary

Cluster	Network	Location	Amount
94CL02	94N203	01M188	11,000
94CL01	94N113	01M450	11,000
94CL04	94N405	02M288	11,000
94CL01	94N101	03M247	11,000
94CL01	94N102	04M964	11,000
94CL06	94N607	08X071	11,000
94CL05	94N534	09X170	11,000
94CL04	94N411	09X361	11,000
94CL01	94N102	13K492	11,000
94CL01	94N112	15K442	11,000
94CL06	94N602	17K340	11,000
94CL06	94N609	20K069	11,000
94CL05	94N531	27Q065	11,000
94CL02	94N202	30Q575	11,000
94CL04	94N409	31R048	11,000
94CL05	94N563	31R440	11,000
97TUD4	97MD97	97K231	11,000
TOTAL			187,000