

SCHOOL ALLOCATION MEMORANDUM NO. 115, FY 2016

DATE: February 23, 2016

TO: Community Superintendents
High School Superintendents
Borough Field Service Center Teams
School Principals

FROM: Raymond J. Orlando, Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT: Middle School Quality Initiative - Program and Video Series Grants

The Middle School Quality Initiative is a comprehensive program that aims to strengthen literacy instruction across all middle grades. Through a focus on literacy across content areas, a continuous cycle of professional development for teachers and school leaders, and strategically implemented reading interventions, the Middle School Quality Initiative works with schools to ensure that all eighth graders enter high school reading on grade level.

In order to share strong practices in MSQI schools and support the sustainability of those practices, MSQI proposes working with schools to participate in the creation of videos, classroom lesson plans, units, planning guides, and other resources to be shared through the We Teach NYC platform. These items will highlight practices that support students' literacy development.

Program Overview

Over the course of the 2015-2016 school year, several MSQI schools will receive funding to support planning time and activities to participate in the creation of videos, classroom lesson plans, units, planning guides, and other resources. Schools will engage in the following activities:

1. Video Series

- A collection of videos will be created to highlight strong practices and programs in MSQI schools. Seven sites will receive up to \$50,000 to participate in the creation of videos; up to \$20,000 per site will cover the cost of videography and editing and up to \$30,000 will cover program development and per session to allocate time for planning and participating in videotaping.
- An additional \$50,000 will be shared across five sites to film book talks with students, teacher and principals. Each site will receive \$5,000 for planning. \$25,000 will be allocated for videography of the book talks. This video series will be done in collaboration with Urban Word NYC.

2. Program Grants

- Schools that are participating in various MSQI partnerships will receive funding to support program development and the creation and collection of classroom lesson plans, units, planning guides, and other resources.
 - Middle School Debate League: Multiple sites will receive funds to support program development and the creation and collection of classroom lesson plans, units, planning guides, and other resources that demonstrate how to start and grow a debate team.
 - Parent Teacher Home Visit (PTHV) Project: Multiple sites will receive funds to support program expansion and the creation and collection of classroom lesson plans, units, planning guides, and other resources that demonstrate a parent engagement strategy that focuses on building both trust and academics.
 - Urban Word NYC: Multiple sites will receive funds to support program expansion and creation and collection of classroom lesson plans, units, planning guides, and other resources that demonstrate building student voice and engagement in literacy.

3. Celebrations and PD Events

- Schools will receive funding to host celebrations of strong practices and professional development events throughout the year. Multiple sites will receive funds for author speaker fees and books.

Schools will receive ongoing strategic guidance from the MSQI central program team and will continuously monitor progress toward their stated goals. This central program team will also help schools determine how to best utilize these funds to maximize student outcomes and successfully implement their MSQI plans.

Allocations should be scheduled in **TL MS Task Force PVG**. Funds are available to be used for (1) OTPS purchases in object code series 100, 338, 451, 685, 686, and 689; (2) Per Session for Teachers, Paraprofessionals and Assistant Principals.

Questions regarding this allocation should be directed to Nadeea Saeed at NSaeed@schools.nyc.gov in the Office of Interschool Collaborative Learning.

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Attachment(s):

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

Table 2 – School Allocation Detail ([Please click here for a downloadable Excel file](#))

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Table 1: School Allocation Summary

BFSC	BFSC Team	Location	Amount
94MFSC	94MR04	02M933	10,000
94MFSC	94MR05	03M256	5,400
94MFSC	94MR05	03M421	40,000
94XFSC	94XR06	07X223	40,000
94XFSC	94XR07	08X371	5,400
94XFSC	94XR02	09X231	5,400
94XFSC	94XR10	09X361	20,000
94XFSC	94XR03	10X045	5,400
94XFSC	94XR04	10X118	5,400
94XFSC	94XR04	10X254	25,000
94XFSC	94XR04	10X368	5,400
94XFSC	94XR04	10X390	50,000
94XFSC	94XR09	11X144	30,400
94XFSC	94XR05	12X098	55,400
94KFSN	94KR02	13K492	40,000
94KFSN	94KR04	14K050	63,400
94KFSN	94KR05	15K088	5,400
94KFSN	94KR06	16K267	5,400
94KFSS	94KU02	17K340	30,400
94KFSS	94KU05	21K096	25,000
94KFSS	94KU06	22K014	10,400
94QFSS	94QU01	27Q319	30,000
94QFSS	94QU04	29Q109	5,400
94QFSS	94QU04	29Q238	5,400
94QFSN	94QR05	30Q291	30,400
94RFSC	94RR02	31R002	10,400
94RFSC	94RR01	31R861	5,400
Total			570,200

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Table 2 School Allocation Detail

DBN	Video Series	MSQI Debate	PTHV	Urban Word NYC	PD Events	Allocation Amount
02M933					10,000	10,000
03M256		5,400				5,400
03M421	40,000					40,000
07X223	40,000					40,000
08X371		5,400				5,400
09X231		5,400				5,400
09X361			20,000			20,000
10X045		5,400				5,400
10X118		5,400				5,400
10X254		25,000				25,000
10X368		5,400				5,400
10X390			25,000	25,000		50,000
11X144	25,000	5,400				30,400
12X098	50,000	5,400				55,400
13K492	40,000					40,000
14K050	50,000	5,400	8,000			63,400
15K088		5,400				5,400
16K267		5,400				5,400
17K340	25,000	5,400				30,400
21K096				25,000		25,000
22K014		5,400		5,000		10,400
27Q319				30,000		30,000
29Q109		5,400				5,400
29Q238		5,400				5,400
30Q291		5,400			25,000	30,400
31R002		5,400		5,000		10,400
31R861		5,400				5,400
Total						570,200