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INFORMATION ITEM

SUBJECT	Special Education Annual Plan
RATIONALE	<p style="text-align: center;">Part B, Section 611, Flow-Through Funds Grant Period: July 1, 2017 – September 30, 2019</p> <p>The Allegheny County Schools will continue extension of services to both elementary and secondary special education students by retaining 7 teachers, a behavior specialist, and one teaching assistant with Federal funds. Proportionate funds will be set aside to pay for speech/language, occupational therapy or physical therapy services for students parentally placed in homeschool who require these special education services. The division will review future employment status of teachers currently employed, engage in performance evaluation, ensure return of current staff or actively recruit qualified personnel, and ensure student IEP annual review for goal accomplishment and necessary program revision. The division will continue to provide aides and related personnel and evaluate performance, and ensure intent to return or recruit qualified personnel.</p> <p>Allegheny County Public schools will continue to fund assessment and other contracted services to students with disabilities. The division will also continue provision of appropriate therapies and psychological services including a full time psychologist. The division will retain a transition employment specialist to provide instruction and job coaching to students. The division will continue the elementary Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) classroom. The division will continue to facilitate participation in</p>

	<p>conferences, seminars and professional development for personnel. In addition, the division will continue to support implementation of the Self-Determination Project with all Special Education eligible students.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">619 Grant – Earl Childhood Special Education Grant Period: July 1, 2017 – September 30, 2019</p> <p>Allegheny County Public Schools will maintain two reverse inclusion classes. This includes therapies when appropriate. Goods and services purchased will enhance and extend existing options. Transition Services including Home-visits and liaison for students transitioning from Part C to B will be provided. Tuition assistance will be provided for students in licensed settings outside the division as needed. Appropriate therapies will be provided for students as needed. Conferences will be made available to maintain and enhance teacher skills. Materials, supplies, and equipment to enrich and stabilize the existing programs will be purchased.</p> <p>This plan will be presented to the local Special Education Advisory Committee February 21, 2017 for their review and approval. This is being presented to the Board at this time for information purposes. The Board will be asked to vote on approval of the Annual Plan at the March School Board meeting.</p>
ESTIMATED COSTS	Federal Grant Application
BUDGET CATEGORY	Title VI B, Sections 611 and 619
LEGAL REFERENCE	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA, 2004)
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SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION	

Documents related to the Board's discussion of the: