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TO: Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Karen B. Salmon, Ph.D.

DATE: January 29, 2018

SUBJECT: Javits Grant

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this item is to provide an update on the Javits Gifted and Talented Students Education Act grant awarded to the Maryland State Department of Education.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:

In September 2017, the US Department of Education notified Dr. Salmon that MSDE received an FY 2017 Javits grant for our proposal, *Gateway to Gifted and Talented Education: Technical Assistance for the Identification of Underserved Gifted Learners*. It is anticipated that the grant will be for 5 years, totaling \$1,597,938.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The goals of Maryland's 5-year Javits Gifted and Talented Students Education Act Program are as follows:

Goal 1: In partnership with Johns Hopkins University Center for Technology in Education (JHU CTE), create *Gateway to GT Education*, an online platform that will be a repository of resources, including data, identification and service delivery models, instructional strategies, and interactive online training modules and courses, as well as a collaborative e-community for educators, students, families, researchers, higher education, and community members.

Goal 2: Research and develop an equitable state policy and supporting guidelines for the identification of gifted and talented students. Convene local school system leaders, teachers, national experts, and other stakeholders to study and discuss options for the state. Use *Gateway to Gifted and Talented Education* to post research, host discussion and input, build consensus, and to facilitate the implementation of the new identification policy.

BOARD ACTION:

For information only.

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Maryland Gateway to Gifted and Talented Education

U.S. Department of Education Javits Grant

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U.S. Department of Education Jacob Javits Gifted and Talented Grant

Initial Award	\$323,762
Grant Period (1 year)	09/1/17 through 8/31/18
Total Award	\$1,598,517
Year 1	\$323,762
Year 2	\$243,086
Year 3	\$491,003
Year 4	\$352,422
Year 5	\$188,244
*Funding in Years 2 through 5 is contingent on Federal Appropriations.	

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The award of the Javits grant will enable Maryland to:

1. **Create and populate the online Maryland Gifted and Talented Education Portal, *Gateway to GT Education*, based on the *Maryland Learning Links*, through a partnership with the Johns Hopkins University Center for Technology in Education (CTE).**

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Jacob Javits Gifted and Talented Grant

2. **Research and develop an equitable state policy and supporting guidelines for identification of gifted and talented students. Use *Maryland Gifted and Talented Education Portal* to post research, host discussions, integrate input, build consensus, and facilitate the implementation of the new identification policy throughout the stages of implementation science.**

Year 1 Milestones

- Hire Project Manager and evaluator
- Contract with Johns Hopkins CTE for *Gateway* portal
- *Gateway* design, content, and evaluation
- GT Equity Symposium with LEA and state leaders and stakeholders
- Proposed GT identification for state accountability

Years 2-5 Summary

- GT identification protocol and policy: input, revisions, vetting
- Ongoing expansion of *Gateway*
- Development of pilot program application and rubric (Year 2)
- Professional development
- Regional LEA pilot programs
- Data collection and evaluation

Regional LEA Pilot Projects

- Select 5 LEAs (Year 3)
- State will assist LEAs with implementation of GT identification policy, including professional learning and purchase of student identification resources
- Demonstrated need to identify and support underserved student population(s)