

January 23, 2020

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for submitting a proposal for the Teacher Mentorship and Retention Grant. We received just under 60 applications this year requesting over \$2 million in funding. As you know, the purpose of this grant funding is outlined in Minnesota Statute 122A.70. As the reviewers evaluated each proposal, they used statute as their guide. Reviewers paid particular attention to:

- underrepresented groups and shortage areas
- long term retention program proposals (such as those focusing on new T3 and T4 teachers)
- sustainability of mentorship and retention efforts/programs
- existence, or lack thereof, of structures that support mentors of color and indigenous mentors
- clarity and completeness
- level of impact
- funding directly related to statutory directive

After a rigorous evaluation of the submitted applications, the reviewers would like to grant you \$2,363.06 to fund the items highlighted on the attached budget form. Please let us know if you are willing to accept this award amount and complete the corresponding work outlined in your proposal/budget. If so, please also include a revised budget form. Upon receipt of your acceptance and revised budget, a contract will be drafted and sent to you.

Once again, congratulations and I look forward to working with you and your colleagues. Please contact me if you have any questions/concerns.

Sincerely,

Saba Teshome

Grant Specialist