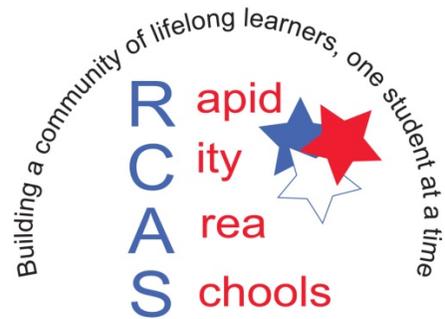


Rapid City Area School District 51/4
Horace Mann Elementary School
902 East Anamosa
Rapid City, SD 57701



March 6, 2013

Subject: SIG 1003(g) Horace Mann Elementary School Amendment

The principal of Horace Mann Elementary School has met with the Director of Federal Programs and Grants and our Grants Accountant to review expenditures for our SIG accounts to date. We are requesting making an amendment to the budget to include moving the unexpended dollars in:

- Teacher Salaries
- Benefits

We propose moving these unexpended balances \$79,481.00 into supplies and equipment under programs for eligible children.

Our original budget proposal allowed for \$163, 151.00 for salaries and \$49,794.00 benefits was higher than necessary.

Our original grant application called for Personnel: These monies will pay the salaries for our Early Intervention Extended Day Kindergarten (already in place), one Early Intervention Strategist (request), and 2.5 instructional assistants (1.5 already in place and request of 1 additional).

Our original request for supplies was \$3,000.

This amount will be used to purchase math and literacy supplies needed to extend the current curriculum and practices taking place at Horace Mann Elementary. We believe this was too low to get our literacy take home reading packets and classroom materials effective and efficient for our school population. We want to have a program put into place for our after school Discovery Program to influence reading and increase parent involvement with literacy and math. The books will be used to increase parent involvement with at home reading. We want to supply our Kindergarten and 1st grade students with correct leveled books to meet the rigor and relevance of the Common Core Standards at school.

Equipment needs: hoping to purchase microphone systems and speakers for the classrooms, so that student's oral reading will be heard along with instructional videos. Currently our rooms are not set up to properly announce the audio of students or instructional internet based videos. We would like to purchase computers and video cameras that are high definition to make student literacy project videos and staff development training videos to benefit students. We want to also in our 21st Century Library purchase ear bud earphones for every individual child to listen to audio books. This will take care of our head lice issue and give us a system of replacement for our large turnover of students. We will also purchase digital books for our library that students will be able to access from home on their computers. We are hosting bring your mobile device to the school library nights where we show parents how to access the books and set up their own personal devices to use our resources. We want to add to our popular collection with nonfiction texts.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Scott Phares
Principal, Horace Mann Elementary