



SWPRSC

Helping school districts improve student learning

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CELEBRATIONS

The following grants are slated to be awarded during the April State Board of Education meeting. Congratulations to the districts and their planning team members.

- DEERFIELD and TRIPLAINS/HEALY public school districts have submitted successful Technology-Rich Classroom grants through the state EETT program. These grants will provide computers, digital cameras, interactive white boards and projectors, and other technology in four elementary classrooms per grant. Just as important, the participating teachers will receive ongoing, intensive professional development to learn how to effectively utilize that equipment in their instruction. We are excited to see how this program affects student interaction and learning at these new TRC sites.
- ULYSSES public schools has submitted a successful petition to establish the Ulysses Career Learning Academy charter school. The new high school program will open its doors in August 2008. Students enrolling in the new school will participate in individualized learning plans that will highlight a multi-year spiraling employability curriculum. Graduates from the charter school will be prepared to enter both the world of work and take advantage of post-secondary opportunities. This particular school was designed to meet specific local student needs, and the businesses and organizations in the community have pledged great support to ensure this school succeeds.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- SWPRSC has added additional staff to serve member district needs better. Charity Horinek will be dedicating more hours to researching funding opportunities specifically requested by our districts. She is currently concentrating on such topics as wind generator programs and football field reseeding. As needs arise in your schools, please keep us in mind. Email your requests to kmyers@swprsc.org.

OPEN OPPORTUNITIES

- 21st Century Community Learning Center Grants
 - These fund the after-school programs
 - Up to five years, \$75,000-\$100,000 for the first three years, 80% in year 4; 70% in year 5
 - These are due May 1, 2008

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