



# SWPRSC

Helping school districts improve student learning

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### RECOMMENDED FOR AWARD

- All three charter school proposals (Ulysses, Jefferson West, and Rural Vista) were presented to the State Board of Education as recommended for funding. The Board will take action at their April meeting.

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### AWAITING AWARD

- Technology-Rich Classroom grants should also be on the April State Board of Education agenda. We wrote three proposals this year (Deerfield, Copeland/Montezuma, and Triplains/Healy)

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### IN PROGRESS

- 21<sup>st</sup> 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
  - Currently writing for Sublette and Scott City

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### IN RESEARCH

- Informal Science Learning Grant (through National Science Foundation)
  - This grant funds projects that encourage informal learning in science or math (events cannot take place in schools)
  - Up to five years, total from \$100,000 to \$3,000,000
  - These are due June 19, 2008
  - Considering developing a service center partnerships with area libraries to create and deliver science adventures to parents and preschoolers. Still researching possibilities
- Innovative Pathways to School Leadership (through US Department of Education)
  - Grants to high-need LEAs (20%+ children from low income families and high percentage of teachers teaching outside their certification, with emergency, provisional, or temporary certifications)
  - Types of activities include:
    - Financial incentives to aspiring new principals and their mentors
    - Professional development programs in instructional leadership and management

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