



TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

MEETING OF: August 14, 2012

TITLE: Acceptance of the QATAR Foundation International Grant to Pay the Arabic Studies Teacher at Safford K-8 Magnet School SY 2012 -2013

ITEM #: 15

Information:

Study:

Action: X

PURPOSE:

Board approval of acceptance of the Qatar Foundation International grant for \$25,000 for the period of June 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013, with authorization for the Superintendent to execute the grant.

DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Safford is in its second year of developing an Arabic program and the Arabic teacher is currently being paid through grant money from Foreign Language Assistance Program (FLAP). This fund will not be available for the 2012-2013 School Year and without this grant, Safford will be unable to continue to offer Arabic classes. We would like to use the grant money from Qatar Foundation International (QFI) to pay for the salary of the Arabic teacher.

The curriculum project we wish to undertake with QFI's support is the development of Arabic Middle Years Program (MYP) units and the continued training of our Arabic teachers to accomplish this task. This summer we plan to send our teachers to an IB conference. With the help of the IB program coordinator they will then write two Arabic MYP units for each level of MYP. Next school year Arabic classes should include level 1 and level 2 of MYP. The units will be taught during 2 semesters, which means 2 units per semester. After the units are taught, the teachers will reflect and evaluate the units with the IB program coordinator. After this step is completed the units will be improved and rewritten. This grant will help the Arabic teachers with becoming excellent MYP teachers at Safford K-8. The International Baccalaureate requires all students to take one other language other than their mother tongue. The funding through this grant will help keep the Arabic program alive at Safford and will help improve the quality of the curriculum and the manner in which it is delivered.

SUPPORTS SUPERINTENDENT'S GOALS: (1) Achievement

BOARD POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS:

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Legal Advisor Signature (if applicable)

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

_____ District Budget
 _____ State/Federal Funds
 _____ Other _____

Budget Cost Budget Code

Budget Certification (for use by Office of
 Financial Services only):

Date

I certify that funds for this expenditure in the amount of \$ are
 available and may be:

Authorized from current year budget

Authorized with School Board approval

Code: Fund:

INITIATOR(S):

Dr. Kristina Allen, Director, Grants, Partnerships and
 Resource Management

7/24/2012

Name

Title

Date

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED/ ON FILE IN BOARD OFFICE:

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