

**TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**MEETING OF: August 14, 2012

TITLE: Acceptance of the QATAR Foundation International Grant to Pay for the Development, Teaching, and Evaluation of Four International Baccalaureate/Middle Years Programme Units for the Arabic Studies Program at Safford K-8 Magnet School SY 2012 -2013

ITEM #: 16

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:

The purpose of this project is for the Arabic teachers with the help of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Coordinator to develop, teach, and evaluate 4 IB/Middle Years Program (MYP) Arabic units.

The teachers need to complete 3 IB training sessions by December 2012. The curriculum will belong to the school. This means that any teacher hired at Safford K-8 will teach this curriculum. The curriculum to be designed will benefit students from K-8. Since the IB/MYP is also interdisciplinary in nature, other students who are not taking Arabic will benefit too. The Arabic language is part of the second language program at Safford K-8. This grant would help keep this program alive.

This project will improve the quality of the Arabic program currently in place. The request for \$25,000 will include registration fees for training, travel expenses, teacher expenses for writing, teaching, and evaluating the curriculum, and the purchase of software, books to support the delivery of the curriculum.

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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