

To: Marlinton Board of Education
From: Mrs. Anna Minor, Assistant Superintendent
Re: RttT Update
Date: February 20, 2013

1. Currently we are looking at submitting at least one or two grant proposals for the following grant:

Ohio's eTextbook Pilot program is a \$6 million (\$3 million in FY2014 and FY2015) grant program, funded by the State of Ohio, designed to facilitate the purchase of digital texts, electronic educational content and professional development and training resources by Ohio schools.

- Public and chartered nonpublic schools may apply.
- Awards must be used for content or professional development for teachers and students served by the awardee (eligible awardees may partner with other entities).
- The digital texts, electronic educational content, professional development or training must be purchased through **ilearnOhio**.
- All digital texts and electronic educational content must align to Ohio's Academic Content Standards including the New Learning Standards.
- Priority will be given to proposals that detail the engagement of business and industry partners to assure content relevance to Ohio's 21st century workforce needs and/or initiatives designed to strengthen educator knowledge and skills in targeted areas of need (e.g. reading instruction).
- Grantees will not receive any funding or reimbursement of expenses, but will instead receive the content or professional development only.

Deadline for submission is March 7, 2014.

2. Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KEA)

On February 12th the principals, kindergarten teachers and I participated in a webinar on the upcoming new kindergarten required entrance test. The test will assess six areas: Mathematics; Science; Social Studies; Language and Literacy; Social Foundations; and Physical Well- Being and Motor Development.

Training will consist of either two full days or a hybrid of a full day plus three hours online. Our State Support Team starting in April will conduct the training.