

**OFFICE OF QUALITY PROFESSIONALS AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**August 18-19, 2011**

**TEACHER CENTER**

20. Approval to award grants to Teacher Incentive Fund (TIF) districts for providing professional development, securing master teachers, offering stipends/supplements, and providing performance based compensation

Purpose: To assist schools to deliver and/or provide professional development activities which are embedded with best practices to improve teacher quality, recruitment, retention, enhancement initiatives and to fulfill the requirements of the TIF Grant.

Scope of Grant:

- Grant Period: August 22, 2011 – December 31, 2012
- Award Amount: \$841,995.91
- Method of Award: Discretionary Grants

Funding Source: 2010 Teacher Incentive Fund Grant

Summary of Selection Process: Teacher Incentive Fund districts were selected for these awards.

Eligibility: Teacher Incentive Fund districts are eligible to receive the grant awards. Districts must submit the following:

- a detailed description of the activities that the funds will support,
- a budget narrative, and
- a plan of program activities focusing on targeted professional development for teachers and administrators.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached