

Attached is the partner identification form that we referenced in recent communications. Please complete with your best estimate of where you expect to find your required match. Remember, these figures can be adjusted once the grant is awarded and we begin individual district planning. You will use the same figures for each of the seven years and then total them all. There should be at least a 1:1 relationship between your match and your GEAR UP grant award. For example, if your grant award is \$25,000, your district would be expected to document an additional \$25,000 in matching funds on the attached form. If you can provide more than a 1:1 match, we would really appreciate it.

We need this back by June 7th because we are under a very tight timeline. The most recent update from the US DOE is that the grant will come out next week and we will have 30 days to turn it around. The partner forms must be submitted with the grant. Again, I'm happy to work with each of you to finalize your form.

Next week we will be sending you a survey that will ask you a few more questions about your school's student enrollment and assessment results. We are meeting with state officials next Tuesday to determine what assessment and enrollment data we can pull from the state system. Anything additional that is needed directly from the districts will be included in the survey.

As we have indicated previously, the anticipated amount of your award will be based on the total student population in your district. If you are unclear about that amount, please let me know and I will forward that information to you. You must remember that we are calculating the award with the understanding that all the schools that house students in grades 7-12 in your district are participating. If that is not the case, we need to know that so we can be clear about the dollar amount you should be looking to match.

Thank you very much.