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TO: Mr. Tim Wyrosdick
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SUBJ: Request for Gifted Program Funds

I would like to request \$15,491 from general revenue funding for Learning Community activities for teachers of gifted/talented students and general education teachers to better identify gifted and talented students, professional development to include consultant travel expenses, materials, supplies, and substitutes for monthly meetings in Santa Rosa County. The priority expense is iPads for each gifted teacher in order to initiate advanced electronic learning strategies in the classroom, data collection in documenting progress monitoring and to have portability for learning environments outside of the classroom.

IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) grant fund expenditures are restricted for Gifted/Talented student/teacher activities since that population is not included in the disabled category for funding. Consequently, activities and professional development cannot be coordinated to provide specially designed instruction for this population of students and teachers.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at the above number or via email.

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