

BOWE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Memo

To: Dr. Silverstein
CC: Christine Williams, Dr. Preston, Mary MacMichael
From: Craig Stephenson
Date: June 8, 2020
Re: Board Notification of Bowe Application for NJIETA Grant

This memo is a request to provide notification to the Board of Education of the Thomas E. Bowe School's submission of a grant offered through the New Jersey Inclusive Education Technical Assistance (NJIETA) Program.

The grant is designed to assist schools in the effort to develop more inclusive practices, which aligns with our building's professional development school (PDP) inclusive education goal.

There is no cost to the program, and, if selected, we will receive through the grant ongoing training for the administrative team and staff (teachers and paraprofessionals).

If selected for a "technical assistance grant," training for the 2020-21 school year will include on-site (or virtual) coaching focused on the following: Universal Design for Learning (UDL), Co-teaching, Differentiation to Support Inclusive Education, Best Practices in IEP Development to Support Inclusive Education, Supporting Positive Student Behavior Through Motivation and Engagement, Building an Inclusive Education Culture, and Operationalizing Modifications and Accommodations.

If selected for a "systemic change facilitation," the partnership will be three to five years working closely with an Inclusive Facilitator provided by the NJIETA project.

Additionally, Mr. Stephenson and our PIR, Dr. Brent Elder, have applied to participate on the NJIETA project's Inclusion Leadership Group (ILDG).

From the NJIETA Website (www.njieta.org): “The NJIETA project is a collaborative effort between the New Jersey Department of Education Office of Special Education (OSE), the Montclair State University Center for Autism and Early Childhood Mental Health (CAECMH), and the New Jersey Coalition for Inclusive Education (NJCIE). NJIETA is designed for the collaborators to partner with public, charter, and vocational schools to provide Technical Assistance and Systemic Change Facilitation to develop more inclusive educational opportunities. NJIETA will also work to develop a statewide vision for more inclusive schools through the Inclusion Leadership Development Group.”

Mr. Stephenson will update Dr. Silverstein and the Board once we receive word regarding our application status.