

## MSAD 75 Technology Integration Grant Application

### Overview:

In order to encourage innovative and effective integration of technology in the classroom that support teaching and learning for all students, MSAD #75 is pleased to announce an opportunity for collaborative teams to apply for technology integration grants. These grants are designed to support 1) the effective use of technology in education and 2) the collaboration between curricular and technical staff as well as grow a bank of resources from these collaborations in support of all MSAD #75 students and staff.

**Applications are due on January 4, 2006.** Grants may be as small as \$50.00 for an online subscription or as large as \$2000.00. Awards will be announced on January 6, 2006.

### Foundational Beliefs:

This grant opportunity is based on the following beliefs:

- 1) ***Technology is a foundational tool in today's learning environment.*** It provides ways of teaching, access to learning resources, and ways for students to demonstrate evidence of learning that meet today's students in the digital world that surrounds them.
- 2) ***Technology integration is a complex effort that happens best in a collaborative environment.*** By calling for student-focused collaboration between technical and teaching staff as well as administration, the district seeks to best support these initial efforts as long-term integrations that will not only benefit an individual classroom or team, but the district as a whole.
- 3) ***An organization that purposefully fosters a culture of collaborative innovation and open communication best supports improvement for all its members.*** By openly sharing the results of these innovations all MSAD #75 staff & students will be able to benefit from these efforts.

### Application:

*Please answer the following questions in an open-ended application. Decisions will be made based primarily upon the potential impact of the proposed technology integration as outlined in the scoring rubric.*

## **Time Line for Grant Process:**

**November-** Be thinking about how you could use technology to impact learning and get a team together (at least 2 people).

**December- Write your grant proposal** to submit to: Sally Loughlin, Central Office.

**December- Get Concept Approval:** Please note that both your **building administrator** and Mike Baker, our **technology coordinator**, must sign off on your grant concept. If you would like to meet with Mike Baker before or after December 1, 2005, please contact him by email or by phone 729-9961 to set up an appointment. It is not a requirement that you meet with the technology coordinator. You may just send a copy of your technology grant to Mike Baker for approval. If approved, he will email you and then send your grant to Sally Loughlin for the meeting on January 5, 2005. If not approved, Mike Baker, will contact you on what doesn't meet the District's Technology Plan. You may edit your grant and resubmit it as long as it is completed within the timeframe of the grant. *If not meeting with Mike Baker, it is advisable to run your grant proposal by your building's technology support person to have a feasibility check on its alignment to the District Technology plan. For more information about the District's Technology Plan, go to:*

<http://www.link75.org/helpdesk/techplan.html>

*Please note that building level tech support personnel can only advise you. They may not sign off on your concept approval.*

There will be an informational meeting on **December 1, 2005 at Central Office 4:30-6:30 p.m.** (snow date: December 8, 2005). You can come get ideas, talk with tech staff (get Mike Baker's approval signature mentioned above) and begin to write your grant at the meeting.

**January- All grants are submitted to Sally Loughlin at Central Office by January 4<sup>th</sup>.**

The Technology Integration Committee will meet to score and award the grants the evening of January 5, 2006.

An announcement will go out via email on Friday, January 6, 2006 as to who has been awarded the grants. Letters will be sent to the recipients through inner office mail.

**January to May-** Grant recipients carry out the proposed activity documenting the learnings and expenditures.

**May 4, 2006-** Grant recipients may come to the TIC meeting in order to have support preparing for the May 11, 2006 share session.

**May 11, 2006-** Grant recipients will participate in a "Technology Integration Share-Out" from 4:30-6:30. Interested staff, community members, and school board members will be invited to attend. (This presentation will take place at Mount Ararat High School where the school board meeting will follow at 6:30.)