

## General Information

Grant Number	528
Project Title	Fostering a Professional Learning Environment for Teachers
Please select the <b>MAIN</b> curriculum area your grant addresses.	Counseling
Does your grant have a technology component? (Will you have technology equipment, software, etc. in your budget?)	<input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
<b>Primary Contact Information</b>	
First Name	Leslie
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Campus	Lowery Freshman Center
Main Subject	Other
Grade(s)	<input type="text" value="9"/>
I have co-applicants.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Social Media</b>	
Please provide your work-related social media contact information.	
Facebook	Allen Independent School District
Twitter	@LFCEagles
Other (please specify)	None

## Grant Co-Applicants

<b>Additional Grant Applicants</b>			
First Name	Last Name	Campus	Grade
Katie	Lanier	Allen High School	10th-12th

## Describe details of the project

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<b>Campus/Student Information</b>	
Your campus:	Lowery Freshman Center
Will other campus' be involved/impacted by this grant?	<input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes
Please select all campuses that will be involved/impacted by the grant.	<input type="text" value="Allen High School"/>
Your grade(s):	9
Will other grades be involved/impacted?	<input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes
Please select all grades that will be involved/impacted by the grant.	<input type="text" value="10&lt;br/&gt;11&lt;br/&gt;12"/>

### Project Purpose

What is the problem, need, or opportunity that this grant will address? Explain **what students will know and be able to do** as a result of this project and/or how a problem will be addressed and/or how a situation improved because of the grant. (500 words or less.)

A focus in Allen ISD and our campuses is professional learning communities. As we work towards the goal of developing innovative and engaging classrooms for our students we have to make sure we are equipping our teachers to reach this goal and taking the time to reflect on their practice. With this project we would like to offer a professional learning opportunity that will allow teams or any PLC on our campuses to reflect on how they work and find strategies to help them be more successful. When we have informed teachers that have had the time to reflect on their practice we can then begin to see gains in the classroom.

### Project Description

How will the project or program be implemented? Describe activities and tasks. Who is the target population and in what ways will they benefit? (500 words or less.)

The project will be implemented through a book study and workbook. Learning will occur in face to face sessions, professional development sessions, as well as an online format. The target population is all of our staff that work with students. Every group you meet with and talk about our practice and you learn from is a professional learning community and so we want to build on this by reflecting on our work. In the end the student will benefit from this work because teams will begin to plan more effectively with a purpose.

### Project Summary

Provide a brief summary for use on the Foundation's website and social media. (2-3 brief sentences)

This program provides scaffolding for professional development that focuses on strengthening our current professional learning communities to support instructional improvements in the classroom. Giving our teachers ways to improve interpersonal skills and communication within the teams will lead to more efficient and effective planning which is needed to reach all students with targeted and engaging learning opportunities.

### Allen ISD Goals/ TEKS

Which Allen ISD goals/TEKS does this project support? Provide only two or three examples.

- Transform the traditional classroom into an innovative learning experience that meets the needs of the individual learner.
- We are responsible for building upon the sense of community we have inherited.
- We believe the development of leadership throughout the organization is critical to our success

### Measurement

What specific measurements will be used to evaluate the effectiveness of the project? (500 words or less)

The project will be measured as we work with PLC's and see their growth through surveys, professional learning, and observations of PLC performance during plannings meetings.

### Teaching Methods

What teaching methods will be used to implement this project? (500 words or less.)

Throughout this project we will offer face to face learning and reflection sessions, online learning opportunities, as well as opportunities to offer feedback and reflection on the process.

### Timeline

What is the project timeline and the date of implementation?

This project will take place throughout the 2017-2018 school year and our hope is to continue the project beyond 1 school year. Learning will be ongoing through the methods listed above.

### Curriculum/System Support

Explain how this idea or project enhances/supports Allen ISD curriculum or existing systems.

PLC's are important part of our work and we have to take the time to model and cultivate these groups so that we continue to move forward and make progress. The goals of PLCs are to become learning opportunities that in the end will improve the classroom and what student experience. With this idea we believe it hits the goals of our district and it keeps our focus on students as every conversation should be about how to improve what we do in the classroom with them. Equipping our teachers is one of the most important things we can do to move forward as a learning community.

### Budget details

Budget Details ** All awarded funds will be available by September of the next school year.				
Budget Item	Item Type	Unit Cost	Quantity	Total Cost
Book - 5 Dysfunctions of a Team	Instructional Supplies or Resources	12.0	40	480.0
Workbook - 5 Dysfunctions of a Team	Instructional Supplies or Resources	16.5	40	660.0
<b>BUDGET TOTAL</b>		<b>1,140</b>		
Are there any additional funds available for this grant? Campus or District Funds? PTA funds? Let us know if you have or will be seeking funds from other sources to help with this project.				
		Additional funds?	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<b>No</b>
			<input type="radio"/>	<b>Yes</b>

### Signature page and principal contact

Principal Approval Required		
<b>Please provide the Name and Email of your PRINCIPAL. (Not your name)</b>		
First Name	Last Name	Email Address(Completed)
Jill	Stafford	jill_stafford@allenisd.org
Applicant Signature		
By entering my name below I signify that I understand that if I move within the District and have written the grant myself, I may take the grant with me to my school (as long as it is appropriate for my classes). If I have written the grant as part of a team, I will leave the grant behind with the team. If I leave AISD, I will leave the grant with the school for which I wrote the grant. As a condition of this grant, I will complete an evaluation form provided by the Foundation.		
Signature	Leslie Gardner	
Date	03/15/2017	

### Principal's approval form

I certify that this would be a good use of funds for our school and this grant supports the district goals and/or our campus improvement plans. **Do NOT include any identifiers, such as: campus name, your name, teachers name or mascot **
No actions possible.
Comments
Approved

### History and final disposition of application

State Change History	
State Change	***** 03/15/2017 14:54:23 Submitted
State Change	***** 03/15/2017 14:59:33 Accepted
Grant Status	
Grant Awarded	<input type="radio"/> <b>Yes</b>
	<input type="radio"/> <b>No</b>

