



PEARL PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

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PEARL, MISSISSIPPI 39208

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Re: Federal Programs Update

In the 2016-2017 school year, the Pearl Public School District (PPSD) received a preliminary budget of \$885,153 in Title I funds. The purpose of Title I funds is to improve academic achievement by providing flow-through funds to local educational agencies (LEAs or school districts) with extra resources to help improve instruction in high-poverty schools and to ensure that poor and minority children have the same opportunity as other children to meet challenging state academic standards. At PPSD, Title I funds are used to help support programs at the Early Childhood Education Center, Pearl Lower Elementary School, and Northside Elementary School. Each school plans, writes and implements a school-wide program. All PPSD students Pre-kindergarten through Third Grade benefit from the use of the funds in a school-wide implementation plan. The following amounts are allocated at each school:

Early Childhood Education Center	\$375,000.00
Pearl Lower Elementary School	\$163,658.14
Northside Elementary School	\$169,235.27
Administrative	\$175,049.79

Pearl Upper Elementary School, Pearl Junior High School and Pearl High School do not receive Title I funding.

In the 2016-2017 school year, PPSD received a preliminary budget of \$146,154 in Title II funds. Title II funds provide flow-through grants to LEAs to increase student academic achievement through strategies such as improving teacher quality and increasing the number of highly qualified teachers in the classroom and highly qualified principals and assistant principals in schools and to hold LEAs accountable for improvements in student academic achievement. At PPSD, Title II funds are used to provide professional development activities that will improve the knowledge of teachers and principals, as well as fund teacher positions to reduce classroom size at Pearl Lower Elementary School and Northside Elementary School.

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The mission of Pearl Public School District is to prepare each student to become a lifelong learner, achieve individual goals, and positively impact a global society.

The number of employees at each site that have federal funds (Title I, Title II) used to pay part or all of their salary and benefits are as follows:

Early Childhood Education Center	8
Pearl Lower Elementary School	6
Northside Elementary School	4
Administrative	2

Private Schools in the area have been contacted about a meeting to discuss federal funds on December 15, 2016.

Parental and community involvement is vital to the success and implementation of the programs funded with the federal funds. Parents have the opportunity to provide input through planning meetings and parent surveys. The survey results are used to analyze the current programs and develop plans for future needs. Please make an effort to complete the surveys in order to provide the needed information about the needs in our schools.

If you have any questions, please contact Janice Dukes at 601-933-2461.