

INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO. 44
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TO: Superintendents of Schools

FROM: J. Duke Albanese, Commissioner

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RE: Draft Goals 2000, Technology Literacy Challenge Fund (TLCF) and Per Pupil Professional Development (PPPD) Applications and Information

Enclosed are the Fiscal Year 2001 applications for which your district is eligible to apply. Regional two-day Goals 2000 *Learning Results* Implementation planning workshops will be held to provide district design teams with information about how to complete the application and work time in which to do so. The applications are pending approval by the state's Division of Purchases. While there are significant differences in the applications this year, they are not expected to change as a result of Division of Purchases review. I urge you to take advantage of the scheduled workshops, or contact Heidi McGinley (287-5986) or Sarah Simmonds (287-8281) for assistance.

The grant process depends on volunteer proposal reviewers from districts. A reader registration form is also enclosed. Please encourage district staff members to register to evaluate applications on August 15 and 16 at Sunday River in Bethel.

Application Choices

So many districts are currently receiving both Goals 2000 *Learning Results* Implementation and TLCF grants that those applications have been consolidated. Districts which choose to apply for both of these competitive grants must use this consolidated application. If you elect not to apply for both grants, choose the single grant for which you wish to apply and follow the instructions in the information packet for that grant only. The required components of the application vary according to the grant funds for which you choose to apply. Districts which apply for TLCF only must apply for PPPD funds separately, using the enclosed separate PPPD application. The separate PPPD application includes three options for reporting on and reapplying for these funds.

If you need assistance in applying for PPPD funds separately, contact Sarah Simmonds or Heidi McGinley.

Funding Levels

During the 1999-2000 school year, 100 districts received Goals 2000 *Learning Results* Implementation grants and 122 received TLCF grants. In order to provide continuing funding to as many districts as possible, the grant award amounts for TLCF have been reduced for districts which have already received more than a single year of funding.

In addition:

- Districts applying for a first or second year of TLCF funding are eligible for \$40,000 in combined Goals2000 –TLCF funds, if the consolidated application is used. All other consolidated grants are \$25,000.
- Districts applying only for TLCF funds are eligible for \$25,000 if they have never received or received only a single year of TLCF funding. All other districts are eligible for \$15,000.
- Single Goals 2000 grants are \$15,000.

The accompanying information packets describe allowable expenditures in consolidated applications.

Goals 2000 and TLCF Funding Status

Maine will receive its last Goals 2000 funding of \$2.1 million in July 2000. Congress currently has no plans to renew this program, and it is uncertain if the federal Goals 2000 appropriation will be included in another program, or eliminated completely. Maine's last TLCF allocation of \$2 million will arrive in October 2001, and there are no plans to renew this program either.

Per Pupil Professional Development Funds

All districts are entitled to this money, subject to completing the application process. Please complete and submit these forms whether or not your district is applying for Goals 2000 or TLCF funding. Enclosed is the per pupil professional development allocation table for FY'01. Column 1 lists allocations at \$1 million in state funds, which were appropriated in the last legislative session. Column 2 lists the allocation at \$2 million. An additional \$1 million is being requested in this session. You will be notified as soon as possible if the additional appropriation is enacted.