



Federal Programs Update
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This school year (2015 -2016), the Pearl Public School District has received a preliminary budget of \$899,556 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, and Northside Elementary. Each school writes and implements a school-wide program. All PPSD students in grades Pre K – 3 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 – \$358,901.58
Pearl Lower Elementary –\$193,255.11
Northside Elementary – \$144,255.12
Administrative – \$172,009.15
Attendance & Social Work Svs. - \$29,383.40

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

This school year (2015-2016), the Pearl Public School District has received a preliminary budget of \$157,924 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 high 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 and Northside Elementary.

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

Early Childhood Education Center – 8
Pearl Lower Elementary – 8
Northside Elementary – 4
Administrative – 2
Attendance & Social Work Svs. - 1

Private Schools in the area have been contacted about a meeting to discuss federal funds on December 16, 2015.

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 me at 601-933-2461.