



## AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING

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<b>Item Briefing Number:</b>	VII-H
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	May 10, 2021
<b>Subject:</b>	Request Approval of Application for Title IV, Part A Grant (Student Support and Academic Enrichment)
<b>Policy or other reference:</b>	2021-2022 Applications for Federal Program Funds under the <i>Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA)</i> , as amended by the <i>Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA)</i>

**Background:** The Title IV, Part A (Student Support and Academic Enrichment) is a federal grant that began in November 2017. The purpose of this grant is to improve students' academic achievement by increasing the capacity of states, school divisions, schools, and local communities to:

- provide all students with access to a well-rounded education;
- improve school conditions for student learning; and
- improve the use of technology in order to improve the academic achievement and digital literacy of all students.

For the current school year, Staunton City Schools was allocated \$64,195.79. The 2021-2022 Title IV, Part A budget assumes level funding. Final allocations for federal grants are typically received in September, and adjustments in allocations will be made at that time, if necessary.

**Discussion:** The division plans to allocate the funds towards a portion of the salaries for the Alternative to Suspension Program, which supports a focus of the grant on improving school conditions for student learning; contracted services to support in career pathways; and contracted services and materials to support the focus on computer science.

**Suggested Motion:** I move that the school board approve application for the 2021-2022 Title IV, Part A (Student Support and Academic Enrichment) grant.