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Students to benefit from state AODA grants

MADISON — Students in 89 school districts throughout the state will learn information and develop skills to prevent alcohol and illegal drug use through state-funded Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (AODA) Program grants.

The \$729,393 in competitive grant funding will support activities such as peer education, Student Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) chapters, and student assistance programs. Grant activities are to be part of comprehensive AODA programs that use a tiered approach — universal, selected, and targeted interventions — to meet student needs. School districts throughout the state have policies that address alcohol and illegal drug use. Grant awards help districts communicate those policies to students; reinforce student skill development to avoid risky behaviors; provide parent education and teacher training; reach out and provide referral to community resources; and pursue other aspects of a comprehensive AODA program.

“Too many students engage in alcohol, drug, or tobacco use. They think they are invincible. These grants support programs that send a strong message that smoking, underage and binge drinking, and using drugs illegally do have consequences on student health and educational success,” said State Superintendent Tony Evers. “However, the fact that funding for AODA prevention and intervention programs was slashed in the current budget will make it more difficult for our students to succeed.”

Funding for these state AODA grants comes from the penalty surcharge for traffic fines and forfeitures. The allocation for grants was cut 10 percent in the 2011-13 state budget. Another pool of AODA prevention grants, valued at more than \$4 million and recommended to become part of the department’s Every Child a Graduate initiative, was eliminated in the current state budget. The proposed Every Child a Graduate grants to increase student learning also were not adopted in the 2011-13 state budget.

School districts and consortia wrote grants to address identified needs. Successful grants may be renewed for one additional year of funding through the 2012-13 school year. The competitive grant applications were reviewed by a panel made up of representatives from school districts, community agencies, and the State Superintendent’s AODA Advisory Council. Projects include an evaluation component and plan for continuation beyond the grant funding cycle.

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NOTE: A list of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Program grant recipients is attached. This news release is available electronically at http://dpi.wi.gov/eis/pdf/dpinr2011_139.pdf.

2011-12 AODA Grants

Altoona School District, \$10,000	Janesville School District, \$20,000
Antigo Unified School District, \$10,000	Kaukauna Area School District, \$20,000
Appleton Area School District, \$16,480	Kenosha Unified School District, \$20,000
Athens School District, \$10,000	La Crosse School District, \$20,000
Deerfield Consortium, \$9,000 Cambridge, Deerfield Community, Marshall	Lake Mills Area School District, \$10,000
CESA 3 Consortium, \$20,000 Argyle, Fennimore Community, Highland, Iowa-Grant, Prairie du Chien Area, River Valley, Riverdale, Seneca	Madison Metropolitan School District, \$19,999
CESA 5 Consortium, \$20,000 Cambria-Friesland, Fall River, Lodi, Pardeeville Area, Portage Community, Randolph, Rio Community	Manitowoc School District, \$19,800
CESA 8 Consortium, \$19,999 Beecher-Dunbar-Pembine, Bonduel, Bowler, Clintonville, Coleman, Crandon, Crivitz, Florence County, Laona, Lena, Marion, Oconto Falls Public, Oconto Unified, Pestigo, Shawano, Suring Public, Tigerton, Wausaukee, Wittenberg-Birnamwood	McFarland School District, \$10,000
CESA 10 Consortium, \$15,000 Augusta, Bloomer, Granton Area, Mondovi, Thorp	Menominee Indian School District, \$10,000
CESA 12 Consortium, \$20,000 Bayfield, Butternut, Chequamegon, Mellen, Mercer, Solon Springs, Washburn	Menomonee Falls School District, \$16,026
Clintonville School District, \$10,000	Menomonie Area School District, \$20,000
DC Everest Area School District, \$19,960	Milwaukee Public Schools, \$40,000
Delavan-Darien School District, \$10,000	Minocqua J1 School District, \$8,000
Eau Claire Area School District, \$20,000	Mount Horeb Area School District, \$10,000
Elcho School District, \$10,000	Neenah Joint School District, \$20,000
Ellsworth Community School District, \$10,000	Oconto Falls Public School District, \$10,000
Flambeau School District, \$10,000	Palmyra-Eagle Area School District, \$8,500
Fond du Lac School District, \$20,000	Poynette School District, \$10,000
Galesville-Ettrick-Trempealeau School District, \$10,000	Sauk Prairie School District, \$9,784
Horicon School District, \$10,000	Stevens Point Area Public School District, \$20,000
Hudson School District, \$15,100	Stoughton Area School District, \$14,390
	Sun Prairie Area School District, \$20,000
	Two Rivers Public School District, \$10,000
	Wausau School District, \$19,805
	West Allis-West Milwaukee, \$20,000
	Wheatland J1 School District, \$10,000
	Whitewater Unified School District, \$7,550
	Wisconsin Dells School District, \$10,000