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Dear District Administrator:

As part of the Department of Public Instruction's (DPI) efforts to encourage youth initiatives to promote healthy, resilient, and academically successful learners, we are again making grants available for the 2014-2015 school year. Enclosed you will find guidelines for the 26th annual **Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (AODA) Student Mini-Grant** competition. The amount of these student-driven awards may not exceed \$1,000 each. Only one award may be granted to any student group, although districts and/or buildings may submit multiple proposals.

Projects should focus on AODA. They can also address its relationship to other related youth risk behaviors such as violence, bullying, alcohol traffic safety, tobacco use, suicide, and sexual risk behavior. Students should be directly responsible for the planning process as well as implementation, although adult advisors may guide the students through these processes as appropriate. Your district's AODA coordinator may have resources, as well as provide valuable assistance, to enable your students to write competitive mini-grant proposals.

The review of the proposals will be conducted by both DPI staff and various stake-holders. There will be consideration for equitable distribution of grant funds across the state and compliance with program requirements. Applications must be received, in hard copy, at the DPI by the end of the business day on Friday, October 17. The application and guidelines can be found at: http://sspwi.dpi.wi.gov/sspwi_miniprogram. Districts will be notified of funding decisions on or around November 24.

Please share this information with school staff, including classroom teachers and pupil services staff. If you have any questions about this grant process, please contact Randy Thiel, education consultant, at 608-266-9677 or randall.thiel@dpi.wi.gov.

Sincerely,

Tony Evers, PhD
State Superintendent

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Enclosure

c: AODA Coordinator