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To: District Administrators, CESA Administrators, CCDEB Administrators, and Other Interested Parties

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Subject: 2021-23 Competition for State Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (AODA) Program Grants

The Department of Public Instruction is pleased to announce the 2021-23 Competition for State Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (AODA) Program Grants.

The Department of Public Instruction's (DPI) AODA program, first authorized under Chapter 331, Laws of 1979, is designed to help local school districts utilize their staff and program resources to develop comprehensive AODA programs. The DPI assists school districts in developing comprehensive AODA programs that encompass both prevention and intervention services. Prevention programs are designed to help students avoid or minimize future alcohol and other drug use problems. In contrast, intervention programs are designed to help students who are already experiencing problems. Resources are provided to districts in four general categories: training, technical assistance, information dissemination, and grants. The discretionary grant program supports the development and expansion of district-wide comprehensive kindergarten through grade 12, alcohol and other drug abuse prevention and early intervention programming as part of a coordinated school health program.

These two-year grants (equal funding for each year) will allow public school districts in the state to apply in the following funding categories:

- Districts with enrollment less than 3,000 for up to \$15,000 per year
- Districts with enrollment equal to or greater than 3,000 for up to \$25,000 per year
- Consortia for up to \$25,000 per year with no member eligible for more than \$4,000

For the 2021-23 AODA grant cycle, the DPI is using the WizeHive online platform. All grants submitted by 11:59 p.m. on April 19, 2021, will be reviewed. The review process takes place in two phases 1) External: school, community, and state personnel with background and knowledge in programs and services related to AODA and the health and well-being of children will review grants using a reviewer benchmark rubric and 2) Internal: the DPI education consultants in AODA will review the projects to confirm ratings and approve or make modifications or revisions in the plans and budgets to fund as many projects as possible and ensure budget items are fundable under the prescribed grant appropriation.

The application link, guidelines, scoring rubric, recorded grant writer's webinar, and a PDF copy of the application (for reference only) can be found on the [AODA webpage](#).

For information about the State AODA Program Grant, please contact [dpi.aoda.grant@dpi.wi.gov](mailto:dpiaoda.grant@dpi.wi.gov).