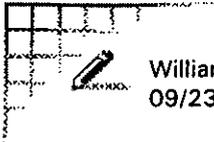


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I am checking to see if there is anything more current from Education, but the most recent version of this initiative that I am familiar with would have the following elements:

FY 99 Funding: \$320 million

Competitive grant program open to roughly the largest 50 or 100 school districts with a large central city.

} Too many - make like EZs

Grants would be for 3 years, with approximately 10 - 15 awards being made in the first year, worth approximately \$15 million to \$35 million apiece.

Funds would be used to address urgent needs in the following areas:

- Strengthening accountability and management
- Fixing failing schools and rewarding successful schools.
- Building instructional and leadership capacity in schools, with intensive professional development for teachers and especially principals.
- Expanding public school choice, either system-wide or partial system-wide

ED also contemplates allowing districts to use funds for other local priorities, such as summer programs to provide extra help for low-achieving students, and perhaps efforts to improve the racial climate in inner-city schools.

We will need to continue working with ED to bring their actual proposal more in line with the school reform priorities identified in our "Pillars" submission -- for example, focusing on no social promotion, removing bad teachers, etc..

Need to do

Mike - This sounds abysmally bureaucratic. We will not forget this money (quite frankly, we will not press for this money) if the program remains like this.

Elena cc Bruce  
Bill  
Tanya

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