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Office of Elementary and Secondary Education
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To: School Districts
Career and Technical Centers
Charter Schools
Intermediate Units
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From: Matthew S. Stem, Deputy Secretary
Deputy Secretary, OESE

Re: 2016 PDE Grant Opportunities for Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth
(AEDY) and K-12 Schools

The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) is pleased to announce two grant opportunities available to Pennsylvania schools:

The Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth (AEDY) grant, *Promising Strategies to Enhance AEDY Academics*, is designed to enhance student academic performance in AEDY programs of all types (i.e., LEA-based programs including IU-run program and approved AEDY private providers). The grant is focused on supporting programs as they successfully transition students back to the regular education setting. Grant projects may include career readiness, communication with parents, teacher quality, curriculum and assessments, use of data, technology enhancements, purchase of curricula, etc., with the overarching goal of improving AEDY students' academic performance. Grants awards will be based upon student enrollment. Programs serving up to 150 students may apply for a maximum of \$50,000; while programs serving more than 150 students may apply for a maximum of \$100,000.

The Personalized Learning grant, *Personalized Learning: Empowering Teachers and Learners* is designed to incentivize academic enrichment opportunities to increase student achievement focused around personalized learning key concepts: learning is personal; learning is competency-based; learning happens anytime, anywhere; and students take ownership over their learning. Schools may apply for a grant ranging from a minimum of \$50,000 to a maximum of \$100,000.

Grant recipients will be required to attend the 2016 SAS Institute held December 4-6, 2016, at the Hershey Lodge in Hershey, PA. Required attendance for the grant team also includes attendance at a four-hour session presented by Beatrice McGarvey on Sunday, December 4, 2016, and at a post conference personalized learning grant workshop on December 7, 2016.

Grant Deadline: October 28, 2016

To Access the Grant Guidelines and Application:

AEDY: For more information and to download the grant application, please visit:

[AEDY webpage](#) Questions? Contact Jenna DeNoyelles at 717-265-7655 or jdenoyelle@pa.gov.

Personalized Learning Grant: Go to:

<http://www.education.pa.gov/K-12/Pages/Personalized-Learning-Grant.aspx - tab-1>

- Click the hyperlink for “login” in the third paragraph.
- Log-in with your personal login for eGrants. If you do not have a login, contact the user-administrator at your district that can add you.
- Select the Personalized Learning Grant.
- Once you are logged in, additional support can be found by clicking the Home tab and selecting the appropriate user guide on the right.

Questions: Contact Karl Streckewald at kstreckewa@pa.gov.