



Early Learning Coalition of the Nature Coast

Serving Citrus – Dixie – Gilchrist – Levy – Sumter Counties

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Subject: Quality Initiative Expenditures

With the beginning of a new fiscal year, it is the responsibility of the local Advisory Councils to develop the budgets for the Quality Initiatives to be implemented during the upcoming year. The next Advisory Council meetings will be held in August 2008. During the August meetings, the budgets for the various Quality Initiative programs will be discussed. The recommendations of each Advisory Council will be taken to the Board for approval at the September 3, 2008 meeting.

Until the Quality Initiative budgets are approved by the Board, expenditures are on hold for all programs, including the Professional Development Reimbursement Program. Teachers are welcomed to submit preliminary applications and reimbursement applications, but they will be "on hold" until the actual budgets are approved.

All other Quality Initiative programs remain "on hold" until budgets are approved, however applications may be submitted according to established guidelines. This includes the Accreditation Mini Grant program, which has an initial deadline of September 4, 2008 for Part One requests. The Teacher Incentive Payment Program (TIP Program) is being reevaluated by all Advisory Councils. New information on the TIP Program will be shared when it becomes available.

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