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Overview

Provides funding for a five-year pilot program in the Brooklyn Center school district to assess the benefits of implementing international baccalaureate programs across all grade levels throughout the district and to measure the program's impact on student performance and academic achievement.

Section

1 International baccalaureate pilot program.

Subd. 1. Definitions. Defines the terms commissioner, instructional year, international baccalaureate curriculum, pilot program, and school district (Brooklyn Center) for purposes of this section.

Subd. 2. Purpose. Funds a five-year pilot program in a school district with an established international baccalaureate program to assess the benefits of implementing international baccalaureate programs across all grade levels throughout the district and to measure the program's impact on student performance and academic achievement.

Subd. 3. Pilot project plan. (a) Directs the school district to file a plan with the education commissioner for introducing international baccalaureate programs across all grade levels throughout the district that describes the cost, schedule of preparatory activities, in-service training, curriculum and instructional materials, instructional goals, implementation process, learning outcomes, and program time line.

Section

(b) Directs the commissioner to authorize payment of funds to the school district after the local school board and the commissioner approve the plan and budget.

(c) Requires funds made available under this section to be used only for the purposes of this section.

Subd. 4. Reporting. (a) Requires the participating school district annually by September 1 throughout the duration of the pilot program to report to the commissioner and the public on the funds expended, the performance of participating students, and progress in accomplishing program goals.

(b) Directs the Education Department to assist in assessing the program upon its completion and to submit the assessment to the legislature.

2 Appropriation. Appropriates an unspecified sum in fiscal year 2008 from the general fund to the education commissioner for an international baccalaureate pilot program grant.