

Notification of RBBCSC's Ed-Flex Waiver Application

The Indiana Department of Education has recently made changes to the ED-Flex Waiver application and requirements. Ed-Flex is a program through the U.S. Department of Education that allows state education agencies the authority to waive statutory or regulatory education requirements that may impede local efforts to reform and improve educational achievement.

➤ **RBBCSC is applying for Ed-Flex Waiver #4.**

- ✓ **Waiver #4:** Increased flexibility in Title IV spending requirements for Local Education Agencies (LEA) that receive more than \$30,000.
 - The State statutory and regulatory requirements relating to education that the State educational agency will waive the following requirements:
 - Sec. 4106(e)(2)(C-E) (Title IV,A) requires LEAs with an allocation of \$30,000 or more to utilize 20%, 20%, and some funds on well-rounded education, safe and healthy education, and technology integration respectively.
 - RBBCSC will apply the Ed-Flex Waiver to our Title IV Grant for 2023. Title IV FY23 Grant was for \$31,625.89.
- ✓ **Waiver #4** will benefit educational achievement in RBBCSC by allowing the LEA to dedicate the majority of Title IV funds on one initiative.
 - Description of how RBBCSC will utilize Title IV Funds and Expected Results
 - RBBCSC utilizes all of our Title IV Grant to fund the Ready Schools Instructional Coach in the EHS Innovative Learning Center.
 - Richland-Bean Blossom Community School Corporation began growing our STEM program in 2016. Our efforts with STEM transformed into our Ready Schools Initiative. Through Ready Schools we are implementing PBL, PLTW, Media Production, Design Planning in addition to STEM learning activities, and Student-Run Businesses. The corporation has fully invested in these innovative learning initiatives by building STEM Labs in the elementary schools, Design Labs in the junior high, and our Innovative Learning Center (ILC) in the high school. Through other grant funds, RBBCSC has employed Ready Schools Instructional Coaches in the two elementary schools and one at the junior high school. Our Director of Teaching, Learning, and Ready Schools oversees the entire program. In order to maximize the impact of the ILC, RBBCSC needs a position to help coordinate the PBL, PLTW, Design Planning, Media Production and STEM learning activities. The corporation will use Title IV funds to pay for a Ready Schools instructional coach for the high school's innovative Learning Center. All of our Ready Schools

Instructional Coaches collaborate with classroom teachers from various content areas. RBBCSC's vision is that these initiatives will result in academic growth of Edgewood students from K-12.

✓ **RBBCSC Welcomes Public Comment**

- According to 20 U.S.C. 5891b(a)(7), any LEA seeking an Ed-Flex Waiver, including school-specific waiver:
 - Shall provide the public with adequate and sufficient notice of the proposed waiver, which consists of a description of the LEA/School's application for the proposed waiver in a widely read or distributed medium.
 - Shall provide the opportunity for parents, educators, and all other interested community stakeholders the opportunity to comment on the waiver.
 - Shall specify how the comments may be received, and how the comments may be reviewed by any member of the public.

- **The public is invited to ask questions and/or share concerns/comments by contacting the Superintendent of RBBCSC, Dr. Jerry Sanders:**
 1. Phone: 812-876-7100
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