# Getting the Most for CSP Funding:

Feedback and ideas for the League as it kicks off its new CSP grant

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### **Ground Rules**

- Keep feedback forward-looking and productive
- Get Creative! Don't let the reasons you think it won't work get in the way!
- Be conscious of airtime-- time is short today

### A Couple of Guidelines

We want to stay away from:

- Building Costs- new rooms/buildings/renovations (only to bring things to code and only in planning are any renovations allowable)
- Personnel costs- Personnel after the planning period is very rarely allowable, let's keep it out of dreams for now—but what could free up space for personnel that currently lives in your operational budget if CSP could pay for it?
- Overall, we're looking for costs that aren't sustained—not ongoing in anyway, but one time in nature.

#### Let's Dream!

Some ideas to get you thinking

- Will you need transportation for new students?
- Could a modular building give you more space for new students?
- Do more kids mean, you need additional playground/PE equipment? (must be moveable)
- How do new seats effect the equipment and supplies that you need effectively implement your school model?
- What professional services could help you with . . .
  - O Using data more effectively to inform instruction?
  - o Student and family recruitment strategies?
  - o Teacher recruitment?
  - o School operations?
  - o Student culture?

# In your Groups, use the Google Doc to capture notes on your dreams.

Without getting hung up on why it may not work, if you had a magic wand and could make funding appear that would really make a difference in your school, what would it be for?

Consider: As your school looks to open, expand, replicate, where do you see the unmet funding needs? What kinds of ideas do school leaders or teachers come to you with, that you have to say no to because there's no way to fund them? (These questions will be on the Google Doc)

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Thinking about how your school operates, what would be some of the elements of the ideal process and support for you in a reimbursement style grant?

Consider: How you request reimbursement and provide information—is it Google? Another App? What kind of support exists? How do budget revisions work? For those that have had a past subgrant, what supports or processes worked well for you and helped you get the funds to reach your goals? On the flip side, what obstacles have there been to spending down subgrant funds? What flexible dollars exist in your school budget that could be shifted to cover expenses that might be unallowable for CSP? What support do you need to be able to think through this?

### Thank You

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