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Deniece Nohara  
Discovery Charter School  
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Dear Ms. Nohara:

On behalf of the Nevada Department of Education (NDE), let me congratulate you for receiving the FY18 State Computer Science Education SB200 grant allocation.

The Computer Science Education SB200 grant will provide your district with assistance in broadening computer science education initiatives as provisioned in Senate Bill 200 and outlined in the section below. The grant information is as follows:

Project Number: 18-252-61000  
Project Title: Computer Science Education SB200  
FY18 Amount: \$5,000.00  
Expenditure Date: June 30, 2018

Enclosed you will find the following documents that constitute the official Computer Science Education SB200 Grant award package for your district:

- This cover letter
- State Subgrant Award
- State Assurances
- Statement of Certification
- Budget Summary and narrative
- Request for Funds and Report of Expenditures
- Final Financial Reports (FFR)

Please note in the Critical Dates section below that an interim report will be due to the NDE at 120 days from the beginning of this grant cycle that describes the expenditures and use of funds to that point. This will be around mid-April, 2018.

Our hope is that all of the funds may be spent by the due date, but we also understand the time constraints for this FY18. Our goal is that these grant funds will not be returned to the State General Fund, sending a message that future grant funding for Computer Science education is not needed.

## **Request for Funds**

Request for Funds must ensure that funds are expended in a timely manner and before the end of the grant cycle. In addition, please ensure that the proper forms are used for requesting funds (10.14A) and reporting expenditures (10.14B). Computer Science Education Grant funds will be distributed on a reimbursement system with the supporting source documentation.

## Approved Expenditures

Senate Bill 200 outlines provisions that need to be met at various times over the course of the next few years. These funds are to be used to directly meet those provisions. I have included some suggested expenditures that are approved and should help you meet the requirements.

- **Professional Development** that will directly impact teachers and students in ways to teach to the standards for computer science and computational thinking in the classroom; may include teacher stipends. (S.B.200 Section 5.5)
- **Professional Development for administration and counselors** on new graduation and college admission requirements with regards to computer science courses, teacher licensure requirements, and efforts to increase enrollment by females, students with disabilities, and underrepresented groups in the field of computer science. (S.B.200 Sections 2, 4-8)
- **Curriculum/training/equipment** that directly ties to computer science instruction and the broadening of computer science education in all grade levels. (S.B.200 Section 2-3)

**NOTE:** You may have noticed the heavy emphasis on professional development in Senate Bill 200. Requests for equipment alone without a plan for broadening computer science across all grade levels or teacher professional development in computer science and computational thinking instruction will not be approved. *This Computer Science Education Grant is different than previous education technology (Ed Tech) grants that primarily supply equipment and training on that equipment for use in the classroom.*

## Critical Dates

- **By the 15th of each month** - The district will submit Request for Funds (10.14A) form *monthly* to the Nevada Department of Education (NDE).
- **June 30, 2018** - funds not committed for expenditures by June 30, 2018, will revert to the State General Fund after all payments of money committed have been made.
- **August 15, 2018** - Annual Final Financial report is due to the NDE

## Contact Information

Request for Funds and budget questions should be submitted to Sondra L. Neudauer, Grants Analyst, at [sneudauer@doe.nv.gov](mailto:sneudauer@doe.nv.gov). Please copy Cindi Chang on all correspondence at [cchang@doe.nv.gov](mailto:cchang@doe.nv.gov). If you have any program specific questions, expenditure questions, or need further assistance, please contact me directly as I am the Education Programs Professional assigned to the Computer Science Education Grant, Cindi L. Chang at (702) 486-7952 or [cchang@doe.nv.gov](mailto:cchang@doe.nv.gov).

Sincerely,



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