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From: The ISLE Team
To: Vinalhaven Families
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Re: ESEA Grants

The purpose for this notice is to give general information about the ESEA/Title 1 grants and a chance to provide feedback about how the grants are used.

What's Title 1? Title 1 is a federally funded program that can help our students to meet the high standards of Maine's state assessment in reading and math. Vinalhaven School has a Schoolwide Title I Program in which Title 1, Part A funds are used to upgrade the entire educational program in the school so all students may benefit.

Activities and intervention are a part of the approved schoolwide plan or Comprehensive Needs Assessment, (CNA) and support an identified academic need through the school's CNA Plan. The Comprehensive Needs Assessment goals will be presented at the August Board meeting outlining last year's progress and next year's plans. The funds that Vinalhaven receives are based on the number of students enrolled in the school and the percentage of students who qualify for free or reduced price meals.

There are three federal grants that our schools will apply for this year - Title I, Title II, and Title IV.

- Title I provides supplemental funds to help students reach proficiency in reading and math. Students are chosen for Title I services based on assessments.
- Title II provides supplemental funds to provide professional development for staff. The training topics are chosen based on student achievement and teachers' and administrators' assessments of need.
- Title IV is intended to support well rounded education programs, safe and healthy students, and technology integration. Usually, all Title IV funds are transferred into Title I and Title II because they support the same school initiatives.

The Goals for 2024-25 school year:

- *Math: Targeted students will achieve 5% growth on the math Maine Through Year Assessment (NWEA) by spring 2025.*
- *Reading: Targeted students will achieve 5% growth on the reading Maine Through Year Assessment (NWEA) by spring 2025.*
- *Attendance: The Vinalhaven School students will achieve a 5% reduction in chronic absenteeism by spring 2025. Our consultant works with us to track the data and gives us a summary at the end of the year.*

If you would like to learn more about the ESEA Grants, have a conversation about the grants, or if you would like to give feedback about how the grants are used, please email Robb Warren at robert.warren@vinalhavenschool.org.