

Dear PARSS Superintendents:

It's time to declare an official start to the 2026 PARSS grant season, and I'm writing today to invite all member schools to review application materials and begin to apply now. Please forward this letter and accompanying form to faculty members without delay.

What you need to know:

--***follow directions*** and complete each question. You **MUST** declare how much you are requesting and how many students will benefit. Write legibly. We can't judge what we can't read. Be sure all requested contact information is accurate and written clearly.

--***submit your application on time.*** Applications will not be accepted after the due date!

--***attach the grant form to an application essay (about 500 words) that fully explains your needs.*** Tell us about your classroom/club/activity situation and why extra funds will change the lives of your students. Will opportunities suddenly increase? Will a PARSS grant offer an experience like no other? Is there a job/career connection to your classroom upgrade? Although we don't expect a line-by-line budget breakdown, give us a sense of exactly how the award will be spent. For example, if a portion will be used for a major piece of lab equipment, give us that number. If the balance will be used for supporting materials and parts, tell us that too. Just as important, however, is your story in full detail. For example, how might a high-tech skill acquired in a science lab lead to a job or more study at the college/university level? Tell us why a field trip for future engineers will be a game-changing event. Does a new, expanded science class or club tap into existing resources in your community? Might a local artist want to spend time in residence? We'd like to know more about who it is and why it's essential for your school.

--***request realistically.*** PARSS grants are typically a mix of small (0-\$1999), moderate (\$2000-4999) and larger (\$5000-9999) amounts. ***As worthy as they may be, requests totaling \$10,000 or more are difficult to approve when so many districts are in need.***

All application materials must be received at PARSS by Monday, October 26 by the close of the business day!!!!Send the completed form and essay to calbert@parss.org. Grant recipients will be announced before the Christmas break. Superintendents will be the point of contact.

Please share this letter with faculty/staff members completing the form so they can read and apply our guidelines to their application.

