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Julie Franczyk
Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Assessment
Chartiers Valley School District
2030 Swallow Hill Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15220

Re: Learning Beyond Borders Afghan Refugee School Impact Support to Schools (ARSI S2S) Grant

Dear Dr. Franczyk:

The Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) is pleased to confirm that your request for \$75,000.00 to implement the Learning Beyond Borders ARSI S2S grant program in the Chartiers Valley School District (CVSD) has been approved.

According to your proposal, it is our understanding that CVSD will utilize these funds to serve 30 Afghan students in grades K – 12 and their families and will provide services during school hours, in the evenings, and during the summer. Services will include the development and implementation of a holistic K-12 view of refugee students and families by creating a vision for the CVSD EL department, providing ongoing staff trainings, and providing necessary tools to bridge the communication gap between Afghan students/families and teachers to foster a successful learning experience. Specifically, CVSD will use the funds to provide transportation to caregivers so that they can participate in school or district-wide events, to purchase a new K-12 curriculum, and to purchase 30 iPads that have translation and interpretation applications to remove communication barriers that exist between Afghan students and their teachers and peers.

By accepting these funds, CVSD also agrees to abide by all grant requirements including the collection of process and outcome data and the participation in grant related events, monitoring, and technical assistance conducted by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), the AIU ESL Department, and the AIU Evaluation, Grants and Data Department.

We are excited to work with you on this important project. Please feel free to reach out if you have any additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jill Jacoby
Assistant Executive Director Teaching and Learning

cc: Sheila Bell
Kelly Noyes

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