

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

<b>Grant Program</b>	<b>Digital Promise Global – Verizon Innovative Learning Schools (VILS) Grant</b>								
Status	New – Competitive								
Funds Requested	\$9,000,000 – the average value per school is approximately \$1.8 million over two years in financial and in-kind support (awarded)								
Financial Impact Statement	Over the course of the two-year program, the value of this grant is approximately \$9,000,000. The grant comprises digital devices for students and teachers, including a 10GB data plan, repair and replacement for accidental damage or device failure, financial support for an instructional coach (up to \$35,000 each year, totaling \$350,000 over two years) at each for the five middle schools, and in-kind professional learning and technical assistance. The source of funds is Digital Promise Global. The District will provide the remainder of the funding (approximately \$40,000 per instructional coach, totaling \$400,000 over two years) for the instructional coaches’ salaries at the five middle schools through resources allocated from Title I funds. In other words, a portion of the five instructional coaches’ salaries would be coded to the grant and the other portion coded to Title I.								
Schools Included	The Innovative Learning department reached out to high-need middle schools (minimum 60 percent Free and Reduced Lunch rate required) in critical need of technological devices, including those schools with Global Scholars and/or Lighthouse Schools programs. Several middle schools also reached out to the District staff about the grant. Selected middle schools include: Glades, Margate, McNicol, New Renaissance, and Nova.								
Managing Department/School	Innovative Learning								
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Project Description	To address students’ lack of access to technology and skills needed to succeed in the digital world, Digital Promise, the Fund II Foundation and Verizon teamed up to support the Verizon Innovative Learning Schools (VILS) grant. Participating middle schools receive free iPads with 10GB monthly data plans, professional learning and technical assistance with onboarding, deployment and rollout, and financial support for a full-time instructional coach at each participating school (up to \$35,000 per coach over two years, totaling \$350,000). Each middle school must employ a full-time instructional coach dedicated to support teaching and learning with technology. Based on performance, the District may apply for an additional two years of support after the initial two years. In the event this extension is not granted, the instructional coach positions will conclude at the end of the grant’s period of performance.								
Evaluation Plan	Outcomes for the VILS grant include increased student achievement, student engagement, student interest in Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM), and student and teacher proficiency in technology and STEM. It is also expected that students’ problem-solving skills, collaboration skills, communication skills, and confidence will improve.								
Research Methodology	Millions of American students are missing the technology and skills required for success. To bridge this digital divide, the VILS grant aims to help those with little or no access to the digital world to gain the ability to use technology in economically advantageous ways.								
Alignment with Strategic Plan	The objectives of this grant are aligned with two pillars of the District’s Strategic Plan – Goal 1: High Quality Instruction and Goal 2: Effective Communication.								
Level of Support provided by GA	Level 3 - GA staff worked with Innovative Learning and Information & Technology staff to reach out to schools, facilitate decision-making regarding device type,								

	answer questions from the schools, gather information and develop Round 1 and 2 applications, schedule principal interviews and site visits, and process the Memorandum of Understanding. GA staff also prepared the executive summary for board approval and will track the grant in the system.
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