



Maine Department of Education and Maine Math Coaching Project

Questions to ask:

- What is the vision and goals for the school for the next 12 months?
- How are these goals aligned with the school improvement plan and a focus on math?
- Does the local data support an increased focus on math?
- How will internal capacity be built and sustainability ensured?

How can a District leverage Federal funds to assist with participation in the MMCP?

Professional Development Project

Based upon the most recent needs assessment and supported by school level math data, if math is highlighted as an area of need and development, a professional development project can be written to address those needs. The project could encompass the training of the coach, appropriate release time from the classroom in order to facilitate coaching and professional development for staff. Professional development must be driven by the needs of the Title I students within the Title I program if operating under a Targeted Assistance model. Title I and II funds would support such a professional development project.

ESEA Accountability

If identified as a school with comprehensive or targeted needs under Maine's new accountability system the school has the opportunity to allocate Title I funds to the ESEA Accountability project. These funds are matched 1:1 with program improvement funds. The district will allocate $\frac{1}{2}$ of the cost of participation in the MMCP from their district Title I allocation. The other $\frac{1}{2}$ of the cost will be provided through Title IA program improvement (1003a funds) at the SEA level. The project must address and be supported by local data indicating staff have identified math as an area of need for PD with student data also supporting the need for a math coach.

Schoolwide

A school with approved schoolwide authority could include as part of their schoolwide plan participation in the MMCP provided the school can demonstrate math is an identified area of need as highlighted by the annual evaluation of the plan, local data and a completed needs assessment.