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## **Governor Walker Announces \$7.5 Million Available in Grants for TEACH Information Technology Infrastructure**

**Madison** – Today, Governor Scott Walker announced Technology for Educational Achievement (**TEACH**) grants are now available to eligible school districts as a way to enhance the role of information technology in student learning and achievement. Administered by the Department of Administration (DOA) in collaboration with the Department of Public Instruction (DPI), the *Information Technology Infrastructure grants* provide support for districts to acquire the equipment and services necessary to build a modern infrastructure system in their district.

“These grants provide our schools districts with resources to transform education by improving technology in the classroom,” Governor Walker said. “We’re continuing to work to bridge the skills gap and the TEACH grants are an important tool that will help equip Wisconsin students with the skills necessary to compete in the new global economy.”

Grants for fiscal year 2017 are available to eligible school districts. Participating school districts must have 13 or fewer students per square mile. The amount of funding available to a school district is determined by the number of students within the district. A list of eligible school districts and the maximum funding available can be found on the <http://teach.wi.gov> website. Listed districts are eligible for grants between \$30,000 and \$60,000.

This year’s biennial budget, 2015 Wisconsin Act 55, provided \$7.5 million annually for the *TEACH Information Technology Infrastructure Grants* as a part of the greater TEACH initiatives. The allocated funds can be used for infrastructure equipment and services such as access points, antennas, maintenance of internal connections, cabling, caching equipment and services, LAN controllers, routers, switches, UPS/battery backup, and wireless controllers. Grants will be awarded to districts who demonstrate readiness to utilize the purchased infrastructure.

Eligible school districts can apply for TEACH *Information Technology Infrastructure Grants* online at the [TEACH website](#). Grant applications must be submitted to DOA by 11:59 p.m. on November 11, 2016. Late applications will not be considered.

For more information about the grant requirements or application process, visit the [TEACH website](#).

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