



**Arizona Department of Education**  
Educator and School Excellence Division

**TO:**           **Doug Ducey**               **Karen Fann**  
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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

**CC:**           **Katie Hobbs, Arizona Secretary of State**

**FROM:**       **Angie Madsen, Deputy Associate Superintendent, Educator and School Excellence**

**DATE:**       **October 26, 2020**

**RE:**           **Laws 2017, Chapter 284 (SB 1038) and Laws 2019 Chapter 265 (SB 1051), High-Quality Teacher Professional Development Pilot Program Annual Report**

Between August 9, 2019 and October 25, 2020, the Arizona Department of Education (Department) received 162 applications for the Teacher Professional Development Scholarship. Of those 162 applications, 84 were approved for funding. During this time period, the Department has disbursed a total of \$58,000. Since inception, the Department has distributed a total of \$382,000 in scholarship funding. During this time period, all approved applicants accepted funding and only one applicant returned funding due to relocation outside of the State of Arizona. Unapproved applications were denied funding primarily because the applicant did not meet the minimum application requirements; was not pursuing an approved area of endorsement or certification; or less frequently, submitted an incomplete application. Applications continue to be reviewed every two weeks by the Deputy Associate Superintendent of Educator Excellence, Director of Educator Excellence, and the Director of Educator Recruitment and Retention. This year we implemented a more aggressive marketing strategy that includes revision of informative materials, updated the website, and provided greater outreach and connection with the field about this incredible opportunity.

**Funded Approved Application Areas:**

Physics	16
Mathematics	8
Chemistry	25
Career and Technical Education	2
Computer Science and Technology	10
STEM Areas	4
Biology	3
General Science	4
Dual Enrollment	12