WEB Funding Sources

Here's a list of ideas and resources to help you. Remember, the key to success is perseverance!

Finding Government Funds
Many schools have found success using federal and state grants/ monies to start and support their WEB programs. We encourage you to research funding opportunities using these resources:

GEAR UP – Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs
SIG – School Improvement Grants
Title I - Grants to Local Educational Agencies, Improving the Academic Achievement of the Disadvantaged
TUPE - Tobacco Use Prevention Education

WEB's primary focus is to successfully transition incoming 6th graders, but it also acts as an enhancement and support to other schoolwide programs at your school. Ask about money that your school and/or district has dedicated to support the development of (but not limited to) the following:

PBIS – Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports
RTI – Response to Intervention
Character Education
Anti-Bullying
AVID – Advancement Via Individual Determination Safe Schools, Healthy Students (sponsor: **SAMHSA**)
SEL – Social and Emotional Learning

School Improvement and Staff Development
There are often funds available for use in these two categories that can help bring WEB to your school.

Accreditation Process: Schools involved in the accreditation process find themselves needing to ameliorate deficiencies at their school that WEB can address including (but not limited to) purpose, governance, leadership, school climate, student learning and student connectedness.

Staff Development: The WEB Basic Training is designed to prepare staff members to implement and execute the program with excellence, but it also improves participants' overall educational leadership and instructional skills. 94% of all participants rank the WEB Basic Training as the best professional development experience they have ever had.

Other Options for Funding
Private Donations: It is not unusual for private companies or community organizations such as Rotary Club to support the local middle school by paying for teachers to attend WEB training. We know of several schools that have successfully approached large and small local companies and asked them to be sponsors of the WEB program.

ASB/Student Council/Student Activities: Depending on your state and/or district, funds from your student government organization may be available to pay for and support WEB. Check with your Principal, Activities Director and/or Student Council Advisor to see if this is an option for you.

Parent Booster Organizations: Often, WEB is funded by parent organizations, such as PTAs, that are interested in and committed to creating a safe, welcoming and comfortable place for students. They are a great resource not to be over-looked.

Your Local Community Foundation: Many communities have foundations that pool money from donors in order to create grants that support the efforts of local organizations to improve the community. Contact yours!

For more funding strategies and ideas, go to
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