



The MDE's recent financial audit of the Title I Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) called into question the propriety of MI Excel expenditures of federal funds to support the work of the *Blueprint* in districts receiving services via a subscription. The Audit Final Report found:

- Calhoun ISD was noncompliant in three areas due to providing services to districts who were not eligible to receive these services; and
- The subscription rates charged in 2018-2019 were not sufficient for the services provided.

As a result of the audit findings, the MDE:

- is recapturing \$133,170.34 from Calhoun ISD for the 2017-2018 grant cycle which was spent on unallowable expenditures;
- is requesting Calhoun ISD identify a fee structure which more closely aligns with the costs of services provided; and
- created a definition of districts in sustainability who are allowed to receive TAG services at a reduced cost

### **Sustainability Definition**

A district identified for sustainability is defined as a school district that:

- had previously been receiving *Blueprint* Services through the Technical Assistance Grant; **and**
- had schools previously identified by the MDE as Focus, Priority, or TSI; **and**
- have no schools currently identified as CSI, ATS, or TSI.

### **Period of Sustainability Services and Costs**

The MDE has determined that eligible districts in sustainability **may receive *Blueprint* services for one year** that are in part subsidized by the Technical Assistance Grant **at a *reduced rate***. Based on this definition, your district is eligible for sustainability services through the TAG from October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020.



## **2019-2020 Sustainability Services**

Calhoun ISD has established a sustainability rate schedule that follows MDE guidelines.

Sustainability Services will include:

- Access to Blueprint Online Warehouse
- Use of Automated Tools (if you are currently using these tools)
- Access to SWFT Online Learning
- Participation in Face to Face Professional Learning (district travel and lodging expenses not included)
- 8 hours a month of SWFT Facilitator Support

## **Rate for Sustainability Services**

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| (1) Districts with enrollment under 5,000: | \$2,000 per year of eligibility |
| (2) District with enrollment over 5,000:   | \$4,000 per year of eligibility |

## **Contact Information**

If you are interested in continuing to receive *Blueprint* services for the 2019-2020 grant cycle please contact Beth Brophy at [brophye@calhounisd.org](mailto:brophye@calhounisd.org).

Below are the actual costs for TAG Blueprint Services for 2019-2020. As a district eligible to receive sustainability services the majority of these costs are included in the rate for sustainability services as mentioned above. (Either \$2,000 or \$4,000 depending on enrollment)



**Actual Blueprint Services Costs for 2019-2020 are as follows:**

Services	Fee
<b>Blueprint Online Warehouse</b>	Free - login required
<b>Automated Tools</b> Annual Updates BITT & Initial Automated Tools Setup BPT Initial Customized Instructional Indicators BPT initial Customized Non-Instructional Customize HQI or Teacher Competencies Initial Non-Custom HQI, Pastoral Care, Competencies, Talent Management The following costs vary based on the district: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Demonstration, Training, or Facilitation</li> <li>● Importing Previous Information</li> </ul>	\$102 per person annual user fee \$190 annual fee \$475 one-time cost (5 hours) \$475 one-time cost (5 hours) \$190 one-time cost (2 hours) \$380 one-time cost (4 hours)  \$96 one-time cost  Note: Training videos are available
<b>SWFT Online Learning</b>  5 SCECH course 10 SCECH course 15 SCECH course	\$100 per person annual user fee \$96 per person \$190 per person \$285 per person
<b>Face to Face Professional Learning            Networks, Institutes</b>	\$50 per day per person (district must pay for hotel and travel)
<b>Customized Professional Learning</b> Selecting Blueprint Leaders & Teachers (2 days) Crucial Conversations (2 days) Crucial Accountability (1 day) Other topics- varies depending on the time needed	* <i>lunch is provided by the district</i> \$1520 \$1520 + \$266 Participant Kit per person \$760 + \$166 Participant Kit per person  ** mileage at .58 per mille and lodging cost will also be charged to the districts
<b>Facilitator Support</b>  Hourly rate mileage lodging as necessary	\$96 IRS Rate: Currently .58 per mile varies