

The Innovation Project



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Dear TIP Members:

Please find attached your invoice for 2020-21. The Board approved continuing the funding formula developed last year of a \$20,000 flat fee with .30/ADM and a ceiling of \$30,000.

We recognize that you are in unprecedented times in addressing your budget. We also believe that redesigning education through the collaboration of innovators is absolutely essential in order to move through this crisis to transformation.

The executive committee and membership committee have been meeting to help explore the role of TIP in leading innovation during this time. We will be discussing these ideas at the membership meeting on May 1.

We are exploring models of public-private partnerships that would strengthen our impact and reduce member dues. In order to pursue such models, TIP reserves the right to make changes in the membership criteria and the fee structure – although the dues will not be higher than the current structure. We will refund any dues over the amount owed.

We also will continue partnerships next year that we already have established: we are accepting applications for year three of the Kellogg Fellowship. We also are seeking applications for fully paid online course fees through the Burroughs Wellcome Fund for licensure for teachers in STEM subjects. We will continue our partnership with NCSU for the National Science Foundation grant for high school math teachers and will seek similar NSF grants as we become eligible. Please see recent correspondence and our newsletter for other opportunities and potential grants.

In order to have a cohesive group focused on these opportunities for transformation, we expect to keep membership in TIP limited in size for next year. Therefore, it is helpful to know if you do not plan to keep your space in TIP. In order to offer your space to another innovative superintendent, please let me know by May 30, if possible. If there are innovative superintendents whom you believe would be a good fit for TIP, please contact me or our membership committee of Dr. Freddie Williamson, Dr. Kim Morrison, and Dr. Alisa McLean.

We will be glad to work with you on your invoice so that you can pay it in this fiscal year or the next.

Thank you for your leadership and participation in TIP.

All the best,