The following are the project summaries

from districts who received funding for the

2014-15 Challenge Grant Program for the Gifted:

Brevard Public Schools~Gifted Mindset Project

Awarded: $30,000

Project Abstract or Summary

Brevard Public Schools **Gifted Mindset Project** seeks to provide current and relevant brain-based learning techniques to 83 K-12th grade gifted teachers impacting 7,530 gifted students with the intent to begin changing the teacher and student mindset. Teachers will be engaged in a series of gifted symposiums supported by the district partnerships with the University of Central Florida and Florida State University to further facilitate the change from a fixed to a growth mindset. Parents of gifted students will be afforded the opportunity to learn techniques to use with their children to support the growth mindset transition. Creation of a Gifted Curriculum Mindset guide, inclusive of project resources and deliverables, updated annually, will be made available to all district stakeholders.

Hillsborough County Public Schools

Collaborative Curriculum Challenge Grant
Advancing Mathematics Performance

1. Project Abstract or Summary

Advancing Mathematics Performance, a collaboration between Hillsborough County Public Schools, Pinellas County Schools, and Saint Joseph's University will impact 700 2nd grade gifted students. The project will be implemented in 2 phases: Phase I will provide 40 2nd grade gifted education teachers in both districts with interactive online professional development and coaching for an advanced curriculum targeting measurement skills aligned with the Florida Standards; Phase II opens the training to 200 teachers of gifted students throughout Florida. The goals of this project are to improve teaching practices and increase academic performance of gifted students in mathematics. Outcomes include a redesign of 2nd grade gifted math instructional practice and improved content knowledge of students. The project has not previously received funding.   Awarded: $30,000