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District physical education department wins \$800,000 grant

Over the next three years, the district will receive a total of \$800,000 to design curriculum, train physical education teachers and buy equipment to get our students moving, reports Everett Public Schools Health, Fitness and Activities Director, Robert Polk. The funding will come in segments over the next three years; in 2007-08, Everett will receive almost half of the amount allocated to the district or \$416,299 of the total grant amount.

The announcement came following notification from the [U.S. Department of Education Carol M. White Physical Education Program](#). The PEP grants are given to school districts around the country to help initiate quality physical education programs for all grade levels. Everett is among only eight school districts and youth agencies in the state scheduled to receive approximately \$2,433,000 next year alone.

"This money will enable us to continue strong physical education programs for students," noted Superintendent Carol Whitehead, when she announced the grant to the school board. "With it we can continue to provide teachers with relevant professional development, and we can buy equipment and supplies to help keep students healthy and active."