November 29, 2012

Subject:  Communicare Program at Valley View

Dear Mr. Gary French,

Students enrolled in the Communicare Program located at Valley View Education Center must have Medicaid (Passport) Insurance to receive services.  Recently two students were identified from Helmwood Heights Elementary School who would greatly benefit from the services of this program.  However, these students have TRICARE and Impact Plus, which is not accepted by this program.

I have discussed the issue with Dr. Calvin Jackson and have requested the cost for the district to send a student to the program when his/her insurance is not accepted.  Dr. Jackson collaborated with Dr. Doug Olds and they have agreed on a cost of $500.00 per student. This cost was verified with Dr. Jackson again today by telephone.

I am recommending that the district pay $500.00 for each student who meets the criteria for entry into the Communicare Program, but do not have Medicaid (Passport) Insurance. This will provide much needed therapy to our students in a time of their life when they need it the most.