



FAYETTE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Executive Summary
Fayette County Public Schools Board Meeting
Agenda Item

MEETING: Planning

DATE: 2/5/2016

TOPIC: Partnership Zone Family Liaison Services

PREPARED BY: Vicki Ritchie

Recommended Action on: 2/8/2016
Informational Item

Superintendent Prior Approval: Yes

Recommendation/Motion: The Partnership Zone schools need added support in the area of Family and Community Liaison services.

Background/Rationale: Due to language barriers, many of our families in the Partnership Zone are unable to make timely and effective connections to their child's school. Parents may be unaware of the expectations, requirements, and options for their students to meet College and Career Readiness (CCR). They may also be unfamiliar with grading, attendance and disciplinary procedures or be unable to connect during the school day. Bi-lingual family liaison services are a key component of our work to insure consistent and timely communication for families across the Partnership Zone, as well as support for removing other barriers that may require community partnerships.

Policy: N/A

Fiscal Impact: \$47,000

Attachments(s): Cost Details

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**Request for Novice Reduction Funds
February 2, 2016**

Request for funds: To provide support for families in the Partnership Zone, we request funds to provide Community Liaison services for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year

Total Request \$ 47,000

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Community Liaison support persons, assigned to the schools in the Partnership Zone (PZ), will collaborate with school and district staff on a variety of projects:

- conduct parent conferences and home visits
- lead parent training sessions on CCR topics
- coordinate community contacts to reduce other barriers for students/families that may impact school success
- collaborate on activities designed to ensure smooth transitions between levels (5th to 6th, 8th to 9th, 12th to Post-secondary)
- collaborate on extended learning opportunities for students and staff (after-school and summer learning)
- communicate with families and community about school/district news

Bryan Station High School (BSHS) is currently funding a Para-educator position for use in fostering these connections between school and home. The bi-lingual Para-educator, in cooperation with the staff at BSHS, has been successful in many of the above listed activities. The responsibilities and duties of the position have expanded and are currently more in line with a Community Liaison position than a Para-educator job description. In addition, the Para-Educator is currently working with some families who have students in other PZ schools and will continue to do so. The request includes funds to subsidize BSHS's investment in the position.

**Breakdown of Requested Funds
(approximations due to fluidity of needs throughout semester)**

Community Liaison Stipends		\$ 33,000
Bryan Station Para-Educator Position expanded	\$ 20,000	
1 - Pro-Rated amount thru June 30		\$ 14,000
Total Request (thru June 30)		<hr/> \$ 47,000