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DATE: 8/30/2018

AGENDA ITEM (ACTION ITEM):

Consider/Approve request for an additional ½ hour added to the Instructional Assistant position for the Emotional Behavior Unit at White's Tower Elementary.

APPLICABLE BOARD POLICY:

03.221 Salaries

HISTORY/BACKGROUND:

White's Tower has several students with Emotional/Behavioral needs that require small group instruction in addition to behavioral interventions to meet the needs of the students in this unit. Additional supervision in all areas of the school is required to prevent severe behavior incidents as well as decreasing physical aggression towards staff and peers. Students who access this classroom are often dependent on adults to successfully navigate the school and classrooms. The students in this unit frequently have difficulty transitioning from home/school and school/home, which is important in ensuring school success. As a result of this difficulty, students may often refuse to leave the classroom or school bus, become physically aggressive, or attempt to run away from adults assisting with the transition. Currently this EBD classroom is staffed with one para educator who works a 6 hour school day. Students are present for 7 hours a day. The severity of the students in this setting require adult assistance and supervision for all 7 hours of the school day.

FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT:

The cost to add the additional ½ hour will be \$1,800 to be paid out of District Funds: Special Education General Fund.

RECOMMENDATION:

We ask that the Board of Education approve the additional ½ hour to the Instructional Assistant position to provide necessary support to students in the Whites Tower Emotional Behavior Unit.

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