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Dr. Henry Webb, Superintendent of Schools

KCSD ISSUE PAPER

DATE:

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AGENDA ITEM (ACTION ITEM):

Consider/Approve request for an additional ½ hour added to the Instructional Assistant positions for the Structured Teaching Units at the following schools: Beechgrove, Ft. Wright, River Ridge, Woodland, Dixie, and Scott.

APPLICABLE BOARD POLICY:

03.221 Salaries

HISTORY/BACKGROUND:

KCSD has several students diagnosed with Autism that require small group instruction, communication interventions, as well as behavioral interventions in our structured teaching classrooms. Additional supervision in all areas of the school is required to prevent eloping from the school, as well as decreasing and preventing physical aggression towards staff and peers. Students who access this structured classroom may often be nonverbal, self-injurious, and dependent on adults for self-care needs. The students in our STU classrooms have difficulty transitioning from home/school and school/home, this is a common characteristic of Autism. 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 our STU classrooms are staffed with para educators who work a 6 hour school day. Students are present in our schools for 7 hours a day. The severity of the students in the structured teaching classrooms require adult assistance and supervision for all 7 hours of the school day.

FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT:

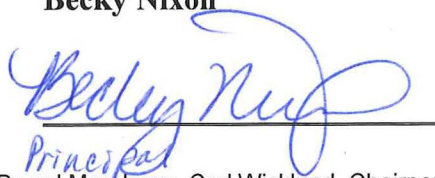
The cost to add the additional ½ hour will be \$46, 308.02 to be paid out of District Funds: Special Education General Fund.

RECOMMENDATION:

We ask that the Board of Education approve the additional ½ hour to the Instructional Assistants positions to provide necessary support to students in the Structured Teaching Unit classrooms named above.

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