

Issue Paper

DATE: 8/26/21

AGENDA ITEM (ACTION ITEM):

Consider/Approve retroactively to August 30, 2021 the creation of new school nurse position to service the needs of a medically fragile student.

APPLICABLE BOARD POLICY:

01.11 General Powers and Duties of the Board;

HISTORY/BACKGROUND:

The Board has previously approved the use of a nurse staffing agency to provide the 1:1 care required for a ventilator dependent student. An extensive search since March of 2020 with multiple agencies has not provided a candidate to fill this position. KCSD nurses have been pulled away from their usual assignments to meet the needs of this student. Due to the inability for agencies to assist with this nursing coverage, the KCSD will hire a nurse to meet the needs of this student. If for some reason the student is not at school, the nurse could assist with other needs in the district.

FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT:

The average cost of a nurse hired through a nurse staffing agency to provide 1:1 care was \$53,900 paid for by district general funds. The average cost of a nurse staffed through KCSD is \$51,600 and will be paid for by district general funds. These services will be billed to Medicaid for reimbursement when applicable.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval to retroactively create a new school nurse position to service the needs of a medically fragile student

CONTACT PERSON:

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Principal/Administrator

District Administrator

Superintendent

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