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Issue Paper

DATE:

5/25/2022

AGENDA ITEM (ACTION ITEM):

Consider/Approve the addition of a new part time, 90 days per school year, school nurse position with the option to increase to full time if needed to service the 1:1 nursing needs of a new medically fragile student. This is a one year only position that would be filled upon the medical release of the student. This position would be reviewed annually.

APPLICABLE BOARD POLICY:

01.11 general Powers and Duties of the Board

HISTORY/BACKGROUND:

We anticipate the return of a student August 2022 to in-person instruction at Beechgrove Elementary who has been on home or home hospital instruction for the majority of his academic career. Due to an acute illness, this student became ventilator dependent in 2022. He currently remains hospitalized, however his parents have communicated plans for him to return to in person learning in August. Medically fragile students in our district, such as those dependent on a ventilator, require one-to-one nursing services. One-to one nurses eat lunch with the student, ride the bus to/from school to oversee medical needs, provide assistance with activities of daily living such as diapering, G-tube feeding, and transfers in and out of the wheelchair. Not knowing the stamina and health status upon this student's return, we would like to start with hiring a part time nurse at 90 days (approximately 3 days a week with other 2 days covered by current Health Service staff) with the potential to increase to full time if attendance for the student is consistent to assist with meeting the 1:1 needs of this student. If for some reason the student is not at school, the nurse could assist with other needs in the district. Historically, finding an agency nurse to meet the 1:1 needs of a student have been unsuccessful. The estimated cost of a full time nurse hired through a nurse staffing agency to provide 1:1 care is approximately \$77,800.

FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT:

The average cost of a part time, 90 days per school year, nurse staffed through KCS D is \$25,703 and if increased to full time is \$53,405. Salary and benefits paid by district funds and nursing services will be billed to Medicaid for reimbursement when applicable.

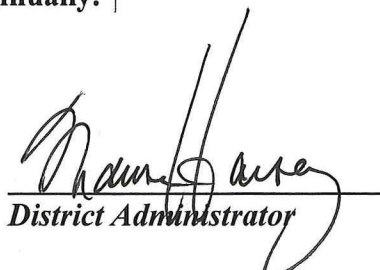
RECOMMENDATION:

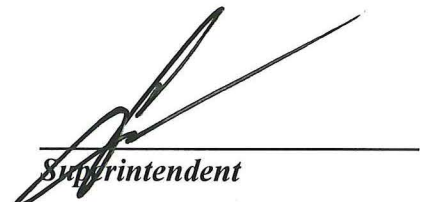
Approval to the addition of a new part time, 90 days per school year, school nurse position with the option to increase to full time if needed to service the 1:1 nursing needs of a new medically fragile student. This is a one year only position that would be filled upon the medical release of the student. This position would be reviewed annually.

CONTACT PERSON:

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Principal/Administrator


District Administrator


Superintendent

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