

Issue Paper

DATE:

05/22/23

AGENDA ITEM (ACTION ITEM):

Consider/Approve the additional position of an Occupational Therapist to meet the needs of students.

APPLICABLE BOARD POLICY:

01.1 Legal Status of the Board

HISTORY/BACKGROUND:

The Kenton County School District currently has five occupational therapists. During the 2022/23 school year, the number of students requiring OT services increased by 35, with an additional 37 students in the referral process for occupational therapy. It is anticipated that 428 students will require occupational therapy as a related service. Due to this increase, a 1.0 occupational therapist was approved in March during allocation meetings. A thorough review of existing staff, schedules, and student needs, supports this allocation. A portion of this cost will be reimbursed through Medicaid.

FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT:

\$75,122.99 Special Education General Fund

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval for an additional Occupational Therapist to meet the needs of students.

CONTACT PERSON:

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Principal/Administrator

District Administrator

Superintendent

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