**SPENCER COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**Board of Education Agenda Item**

 Meeting Date **8/28/2023**

 Topic/Title **English Language Learner Family Advocate position**

 Presenter(s) **Willie Foster/ Todd Russell**

**Type of Information/Board Action**

[x]  **Action requested at this meeting.**

**Board review is a result of:**

[ ]  State or federal law or regulation.

[ ]  Board of Education policy.

[ ]  Past practice.

[x]  Other: **Need-based on student numbers**

**Previous Review, Discussion, or Action**

[x]  No previous Board review, discussion, or action.

[ ]  Previous review/action on: **Click or tap to enter a date.** Action: **Click or tap here to enter text.**

**Background/Summary of Presented Information**

The English Language Learner program consists of one full-time certified teacher and one part-time classified Family Advocate position. With an increase in student numbers and referrals, we are requesting that the Family Advocate position become a 7 hour-a-day position for a total of 180 days. The position is now 5 hours a day for a total of 180 days. Currently, we have 43 students that receive ELL services and that number will only increase as the year goes along. The ELL Family Advocate not only works with students instructionally in the school setting but also works with families outside of the school to remove barriers to learning. The position helps the family to make appointments for immunizations, physicals, and driver permits along with helping with student registration, translating in various meetings, and arranging for food assistance to name a few things. We would like this change to take effect on September 4, 2023.

**Financial Considerations**

[ ]  There is NO financial impact on resources.

[x]  There is a financial impact on Board resources. Chief Financial Officer must review.

**GKM** Chief Financial Officer’s initials, if required

This change would cost approximately $6,000 and would come from the General Fund Contingency

**Superintendent’s Recommendation**

[x]  Recommend approval as presented.

I recommend the increase of the Family Advocate position become to a 7 hour-a-day position for a total of 180 days. The position is now 5 hours a day for a total of 180 days. Supporting our English Language Learners is a role that bears a lot of responsibilities and is certainly a growing need in our district. The cost if this change is approximately $6,000 and would come from the General Fund Contingency.