


**WOODFORD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
AGENDA ITEM**

ITEM #: **DATE:** May 29, 2025

TOPIC/TITLE: Creation of Counselor Position for Woodford Virtual Learning Academy (WVLA)

PRESENTER: Ryan Asher 

ORIGIN:

- ☐ TOPIC PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION ONLY (No board action required.)
- ☒ ACTION REQUESTED AT THIS MEETING
- ☐ ITEM IS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR APPROVAL
- ☐ ACTION REQUESTED AT FUTURE MEETING: (DATE)
- ☒ BOARD REVIEW REQUIRED BY
 - ☐ STATE OR FEDERAL LAW OR REGULATION
 - ☒ BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY
 - ☐ OTHER:

PREVIOUS REVIEW, DISCUSSION OR ACTION:

- ☒ NO PREVIOUS BOARD REVIEW, DISCUSSION OR ACTION
- ☐ PREVIOUS REVIEW OR ACTION
 - ☐ DATE:
 - ☐ ACTION:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

After several iterations of virtual learning structures brought about through Covid, WCPS started the Woodford County Virtual Learning Academy (WVLA) in the 2024-2025 school year. The program had a successful first year of implementation with an overall enrollment that grew to 119 students. The virtual learning option has provided WCPS yet another avenue to meet the diverse needs of students in grades 6-12. In addition to all virtual participation, students do have the option to have a hybrid schedule that allows them to come in person to WCHS for courses not offered on-line such as performing arts, career/tech education, AP, or dual-credit courses. The larger than expected enrollment requires additional support in the form of a dedicated school counselor to provide course selection and graduation planning, college/career planning, social-emotional supports, various forms of communication, assessment coordination, Special Education support, and MTSS leadership.

The shift in student enrollment from WCHS to WVLA has led to a reallocation of staffing. WCHS saw a reduction of one position, and this request proposes to transfer that same allocation to WVLA. This means the overall staffing levels across both programs will remain unchanged, resulting in no additional cost to the district. The only exception is the funding for 15 extended days associated with this counselor position at WVLA, which represents a minor, targeted increase in cost.

SUMMARY OF MAJOR ELEMENTS:

Creation of a WVLA Counselor position for 2025-2026 to support the diverse needs of an expected 100+ virtual students.

IMPACT ON RESOURCES: The cost for this position will be in a range of \$60,000-\$75,000. Please note that this is not an additional cost to the district due to the transfer in staff allocation with the exception of the funding for 15 extended days typical for a counselor position.

TIMETABLE FOR FURTHER REVIEW OR ACTION:

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: ☒ **Recommended** ☐ **Not Recommended**

