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To: West Lafayette Board of School Trustees
From: Shawn Greiner, Superintendent
Steve Ohlhaut, CFO
Date: April 4, 2022
Re: ESSER III initiatives

Central Office administration requests Board consideration and recommends Board approval of the following ESSER III-funded initiatives:

Technology access

The purchase of 2 spare Chromebooks per classroom at the Junior/Senior High School to supplement the Chromebooks available from the loaner kiosk when students forget their device. (\$40,000). Quote included in Board information.

An annual subscription for Read&Write software. This software enhances English and writing skills for students across all achievement bands and needs. (\$4000 annually)

Summer Jumpstart Program

This invitation-only program for K – 5 (rising 1 – 6 grade) students whose test scores show significant learning loss. The program will take place over two weeks in July and early August. Three hours per day. Please see the attached description. This program would be staffed by WLCSC teachers and employees.

Special Education / Mental Health services

Brettwell Behavioral Consulting. This contract will provide WLCSC with a Board Certified Behavioral Analyst to assist the behavioral therapists with intervention strategies to assist students working through behavior issues at school. (\$18,000 annually). Agreement included in Board information.

Corporation-wide Mental Health Therapist position.

This position will allow administration and the counselors in each school to provide temporary and emergency mental health care to students in each school. See the provisional job description below. Position is ESSER III-funded for two years. Continuation beyond grant period contingent upon future Board approval.

Job Title: Mental Health Therapist

Job Description:

Help students in grades K-12 identify their greatest challenges, and then develop the skills and knowledge needed to overcome those challenges using a variety of counseling techniques.

To provide clinical assessment, planning, and therapy that results in increased coping skills and fosters emotional and academic success for students (elementary through secondary).

Master's degree from an accredited program in one of the following areas: social work, professional counseling, or psychology, with at least two years of professional experience in the field of mental health.

Fully licensed by the Indiana Licensing Board as a LCSW, LMHC, LMFT, Ph.D., or Psy.D. At least two years experience is preferred.

Job Duties:

- The duties of this school based clinician will include, but not be limited to the following:
- Provide clinical assessments and interventions for students and families.
- Provide individual and group therapy, based on need (divorce, grief, etc.).
- Maintain a full caseload, based on mental health standards and ethics.
- Maintain confidential data on students served.
- Be familiar with disciplinary guidelines, at-risk student characteristics/needs, local collaborating agencies, and crisis intervention techniques.
- Foster effective communication with students, parents, and faculty/staff.
- Possess effective organizational and time management skills.
- Create an inner corporation referral form and maintain referral lists to outside agencies.
- Serve as a member of the Crisis Response Team.

Job Location:

The school-based therapist will be expected to divide time between all three buildings in the district. There will be space for the therapist to comfortably provide counseling sessions at all buildings. The therapist will work with all school counselors to identify students in need and to establish a referral procedure.

Job Benefits & Schedule:

School Days, 7:45 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Up to ten (10) additional days total before and after the school year.

Follow the WLCSC academic calendar

Billable hours not required

Salary commensurate with degree and experience, range starting at \$46,000 with full benefits package