



Oak Park Elementary School District 97

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TO: Members, Board of Education,
Dr. Ushma Shah, Superintendent of Schools

FROM: Patrick Robinson, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Schools
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RE: Alternative Learning Opportunities Programs (ALOP) IGA Renewal

DATE: July 21, 2023.

The intent of this memo is to request that the district continue the ability to leverage the Alternative Learning Opportunities Program (ALOP) via West 40. The district approved the original Intergovernmental Agreement on July 21, 2023.

The Regional Virtual School Program is available to West 40 school districts to serve students in grades 4 - 12 considered at-risk for returning to school in an in-person setting. The purpose of the program is to address identified students' needs through a collaborative, innovative delivery model and is designed for students to attend school virtually for a minimum of one semester or as long as deemed necessary beyond that as determined by the school district. Students will learn remotely with a combination of synchronous and asynchronous course delivery. Additionally, the model will include the use of student advocates to provide "wrap-around" services to support the student and family. The intent of this program is for at-risk students.

School districts will set the criteria for determining eligibility for this program, and it should be recommended after a thorough process involving staff support teams and families. Potential criteria for consideration include medically fragile students or students who have been identified as at-risk yet have thrived in remote learning. The Regional Virtual School Program is not meant for students during short-term quarantine or as a parent-choice option.