



Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative Executive Advisory Board

FROM: Marianne Fidishin, PhD, Executive Director

DATE: March 6, 2019

RE: Northwestern Illinois Association (NIA) FY 20 Needs Assessment and Agreement

The Executive Director recommends approval of the Northwestern Illinois Association (NIA) FY 20 Needs Assessment and Agreement.

Annually, Northwestern Illinois Association (NIA) prepares a Needs Assessment for each district/cooperative that has utilized their services. Data from the assessment is derived from both current year's use as well as anticipated new referrals. For FY20, Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative is re-introducing Vision Supervision for its Mid-Valley Programs only, while retaining both Hearing and Audiology supervision. The rationale for this determination stems from the significant staff shortage of Vision Itinerants available for MVSEC hire. Hearing and Audiology services continue since MVSEC accesses both hearing assistance technology access and maintenance for students.

FY18 Services and Fees Summary = \$11,148

FY19 Services and Fees Summary = \$7,796, absent vision services

FY20 Services and Fees Summary = \$74,403

Note that previous agreements with NIA only addressed vision supervision only. Thus the increase that will include a vision itinerant instructor.