



Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative

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MEMO TO: Executive Advisory Board
FROM: Nancy Sporer, Director of Business and Human Resources
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RE: **FY15 PROPOSED BUDGET**

Attached for your review is the Proposed FY15 Budget. The highlighted areas show the changes that have been made from the tentative budget presented at the May board meeting. Most of the changes are due to an enrollment increase of 19 more students since May. There are now 43 more students enrolled for FY15 than in last year's budget. **The total operating budget shows an increase of 2.18%** from the FY14 budget. The following are the major highlights of the projected budget. Related services and distributed costs such as administration are separated from program budgets.

- 1) **Projected enrollment for the start of the school year is up by 43 students** compared to the projections for the start of the 2013-14 school year. There are still approximately 5 students who have yet to be confirmed which may have an impact on the final state budget.
- 2) Salary Increases: 2.5% for non-certified and certified educators, 2.5% for administrators.
- 3) The New Pathways Autism program will increase by one (1) section in order to serve the elementary referrals from the districts.
- 4) **The CLASS program will have one primary section** but the intermediate section has been closed.
- 5) An additional section has been added to the WCC portion of the SAIL program in order to best serve the needs of the 23 referred students.
- 6) A new case management 12+ program is being started in order to provide students with additional academic and vocational support. The job coach is in the budget, but will not be hired until job placements begin. **There are 27 students that have been referred and another 2 unconfirmed.**
- 7) **The New Directions K-4 classes are nearly at capacity with an allowance of approximately 5-6 referrals during the course of the year.** The 5-12th grade classes will allow for approximately 20 referrals during the course of the year. The budget includes all required teachers, but does not include potential teaching assistant increases due to future enrollments.
- 8) The budget includes an increase of a .5 Social Worker due to a higher enrollment in the Case Management Program. The large percentage increase this year over last is due to placing all social workers in the social work budget in FY15. In previous years only those not assigned to program budgets were in the SW budget. This way all FTE's assigned to programs are clear.
- 9) There is an increase in 1.0 Speech-Language Pathologist due to enrollment increases and the differing needs of FY15 student referrals.
- 10) **Reduction of a 1.5 FTE Hearing Itinerant and an increase of a .8 FTE Vision Itinerant from FY14 budget.**
- 11) The O&M Budget has been increased by 1.38%. We are planning on completing some of the items identified on the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan. Plans for FY15 include a new installation of a HVAC multi-purpose room

(gym) rooftop unit, and adding cabinets to the MJC conference and art rooms. This the final year of the debt service payment.

- 12) Implementing a technology replacement rotation which is being funded partly with Medicaid and ALOP funds. The remainder of the costs will be billed directly to districts by formula.
- 13) We are removing the .5 Assistive Technology position from the IDEA flow through funds and are distributing this cost to all programs except ECHI.
- 14) The 1.5 FTE Behavior Technical Assistance positions have been put back into the IDEA grant partly due to the reduction of the TRS federal contribution which has decreased from 35.41% to 7.44%. Funding these positions with IDEA funds also allows the districts to meet their recording requirements for the 5% of IDEA for professional development. As a result of the changes to the funding for the Behavior Technical Assistance positions, Mid Valley's allocation from the districts' IDEA allocations is 4.25%. A budget amount of \$3,822 has been added for shared professional development supplies and purchased services.
- 15) We are expecting \$418,000 in ALOP program funds which will flow through to Mid Valley from the ROE on the same schedule as GSA. The majority of the funds will be used to continue to pay the social worker, the electives teacher, vocational specialist, a middle school classroom teacher, a high school classroom teacher, and a job coach. ALOP funds will also be used for funding part of the new technology rotation program and paying for the leasing of vans used for community and vocational services. ALOP is budgeted separately from the tuition budgets.
- 16) The anticipated revenues for Medicaid outreach will be used to pay the rent for Shelby, curriculum and technology purchases.

It is recommended that the Board approve the FY15 proposed budget as presented.