

**BELDING AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING**

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FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: Attendance & Engagement Specialist Position

Background and Findings:

Due to variations in student attendance across the Belding Area Schools district, the administration is requesting the addition of a new Attendance & Engagement Specialist position to support districtwide efforts to improve student attendance and engagement: one dedicated to the elementary buildings and one dedicated to the secondary buildings.

The primary purpose of the position is to improve student attendance by developing positive relationships with students and families, identifying barriers that prevent students from attending school regularly, and connecting families with school and community resources that can help remove those barriers.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board approve this request.