

Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative

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MEMO TO: Mid Valley Executive Advisory Board

FROM: Nancy Sporer, director of Business and Human Resources

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RE: FY17 TENTATIVE BUDGET

The following are the major highlights of the FY17 proposed budget. The total operating budget shows an increase of .66% from the FY16 budget. Related services and distributed costs such as administration are separated from program budgets.

Projected enrollment for the programs for the start of the school year is approximately 274 students which also includes projected Safe School students.

- 1) Salary Increases: 3.0% for teachers and therapists, 3% for Administrators, and 4% for support staff. Benefits: 6%. New rate will start January 1, 2017.
- 2) Personnel reimbursements are in each program budget for an approximate total personnel reimbursement amount of \$881,265.
- 3) The CLASS program has added a new section with a teacher and a teaching assistant due to an increase in enrollment.
- 4) The New Pathways Autism program is closing one elementary class at Wasco but opening up a high school class at Geneva High School.
- 5) The ABLE program has closed the middle school section at Geneva Middle School South. There has been a reduction of 1 teacher and 1 nurse assistant.
- 6) The Twelve Plus program has had a slight drop in enrollment projections for next year. Currently there are 24 students projected for FY17. We are anticipating needing to hire 4 part time job coaches which we are waiting to do until we see the final enrollment numbers.
- 7) FY17 NIA APE fees have increased while vision, hearing, and therapy supervision have decreased. The decrease in NIA supervision is due to adding a .45 FTE Coordinator to help supervise these and other programs.
- 8) As noted above, there is an increase of a .45 FTE coordinator to help supervise hearing, vision, OT, PT, vocational, and other programs.
- 9) There is an increase of a .40 FTE Vision Itinerant to cover the increasing needs of the students.
- 10) The Behavior/Instructional Coaches are still not in the IDEA grant due to the high percentage of the TRS federal contribution. We have added an additional .50 FTE to the budget in order to serve the districts with

the additional days requested for FY17. These additional days will be direct billed to districts by the amount of days used.

- 11) While there is a slight decrease in the ED fund, there is an increase in the O & M budget. This increase is due to the additional capital projects that are scheduled for FY17. The amount set aside for capital improvements is \$147,273. The major plans for FY17 include repairing the roof, parking lot repairs and improvements, and replacement of the electrical boxes at the Mades Johnstone Center.
- 12) For FY17 more than half of our technology funding will come from ALOP funds. The remainder of the costs (\$17,060) will be billed directly to districts by formula.
- 13) Mid Valley's allocation from the districts' IDEA allocations is 1.80% (\$103,827).
- 14) We are expecting \$450,000 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, a job coach, and a .5 Instructional Teacher. ALOP funds will also be used for funding part of the technology rotation program and paying for the leasing and purchasing of vans used for community and vocational services. This year, Geneva D304 is using a portion of the ALOP fund balance to partially fund the cost of an additional teacher. This teacher will help support students who have been hospitalized or unable to attend typical school environments due to health concerns.
- 15) New this year is Mid Valley's involvement with the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice. Mid Valley is going to provide special education technical assistance to staff members at the St. Charles Illinois Youth Center. This assistance includes technology support, IEP completion, professional development, and instructional support. Revenue and Expenditures for this service will be \$186,500.
- 16) The anticipated revenues for Medicaid outreach will be used to pay the rent for Shelby and some curriculum.
- 17) The funds from the Step/Dors grant will be used to offset some of the costs in the Vocational budget.

It is recommended that the Board approve the FY17 proposed budget as presented.