



Governing Board Agenda Item

Meeting Date: June 13, 2024 Agenda Item No: J.12

From: Denise Linsalata, Assistant Superintendent

Subject: Additional Special Education Teacher at Coyote Trail

Strategic Priority: Recruit, retain, and support highly effective staff, teachers, and leaders

Consent ☐ Action ☒ Discussion ☐

Background:

Due to the increase in ten additional students identified that require special education services at Coyote Trail Elementary School, we are requesting one additional special education teacher. This increase in identified students, coupled with the existing caseloads, underscores the urgent need for additional support within Coyote Trail's special education department. Without this position next year, both teachers would begin with caseloads of over 30 students each, which is stretching their capacity to effectively meet the diverse needs of every child.

Given these circumstances, I recommend the hiring of an additional special education teacher at Coyote Trail Elementary. This additional resource will not only alleviate the strain on our existing staff but also ensure that each student receives the individualized attention and support they require to succeed academically and socially.

With an additional teacher hired (\$56,732), we can reduce at least two unfilled aides (\$63,003) which could reduce the cost of this position. This position would result in a savings of \$6,270 and would be funded by M&O.

Recommended Motion:

I move that the Governing Board approve the addition of one special education teacher at Coyote Trail Elementary School effective July 22, 2024.

Approved for transmittal to the Governing Board:


Dr. Daniel Streeter, Superintendent

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