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Action Item: Approval of Social Worker Contract with Presence

The following report outlines a service agreement with Presence to provide comprehensive teletherapy services (Social Work) for the district. The administration recommends the Board of Education approve this agreement.

Summary of Agreement

Rationale for Partnership This partnership is a necessary and strategic measure to ensure the district meets its legal obligation to provide mandated social work minutes for students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs). While the district continues to aggressively recruit qualified candidates to fill two vacant in-person social worker positions, this solution provides immediate, high-quality services to our students.

- **Services Provided:** The contract covers **behavioral and mental health counseling**. This includes student screening, evaluations, case management, and individual or group therapy services delivered on a HIPAA and FERPA-compliant teletherapy platform.
- **Term:** The service order term until **June 30, 2026**.
- **Scope:** The district will receive **31 hours per week** of dedicated clinical services for 33 weeks, from September 29, 2025, to May 20, 2026.
- **Cost:** The total estimated annual cost for the program is **\$92,358.02**. This includes the weekly dedicated services, a one-time implementation fee, and a clinical services coordination fee.

Recommendation

This partnership allows the district to fulfill IEP service requirements and meet the diverse mental and behavioral health needs of our students while we continue our recruitment efforts. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the contract as presented.