



## *Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative*

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**MEMO TO:** Mid Valley Executive Advisory Board

**FROM:** Carla Cumblad, Executive Director  
Nancy Sporer, Director of Business and Human Resources

**DATE:** June 30, 2016

**RE:** **Alternative Learning Opportunities Program Continuation Application, FY17**

The Alternative Learning Opportunities Program (ALOP) requires an annual continuation application, due by June 30, 2016. Our application includes very few changes from the previous application.

The funds will continue to help offset some of the costs of programming for students in grades 7 – 12 or up to age 21 in the New Directions and SAIL programs. This includes salaries and benefits for 1 middle school and 1 high school teacher, 1 vocational teacher and 1 part time job coach, a .50 electives teacher, a .90 social worker, and a .50 instructional teacher.

These teachers and others will implement several intensive intervention methodologies in order to help students meet their goals. They include interventions such as drug/alcohol counseling, Read 180, job coaching and support, career exploration and analysis, character education and community service. The program has a high staff to student ratio in order to assure individualized, effective interventions are employed.

New for this upcoming year, Geneva D304 is going to hire a teacher who will help support students who have been hospitalized or are unable to attend typical school environments due to health concerns. A portion of this teacher's salaries and benefits will come from D304's percentage of the ALOP fund balance.

The program budget is listed on the following page.

**It is recommended that the Board approve the ALOP Continuation Application for FY17.**