

SUBJECT: Consideration and possible approval of two (2) additional support counselor positions for the School-Based Mental Health Services Grant.

BACKGROUND: For the past two years Pasadena ISD has implemented the United States Department of Education School-Based Mental Health Services grant. Through this grant, Pasadena ISD has implemented the Mental Health is GRRREAT Project with the goal of making student mental health GRRREAT by Growing the Recruitment, Retention, and Respecialization of Educators and Therapists in schools to provide stable, sustainable, and effective school-based mental health services that address the unique challenges and needs of our specific student population and are reflective of our community.

To support the activities required to meet the goals and objectives identified in the School-Based Mental Health Services grant application, board approval is requested for hiring the following additional positions:

Positions	Class	Days	Job Description
(2) District Support Counselors (Full-time)	A00	190	Provide student mental health services; consult PISD staff and outside resources regarding the education, psychological, social, medical, and personal needs of students; and maintain an understanding of and comply with federal, state, district, and school procedures, regulations, and policies.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Positions described will be provided with grant funding.

RECOMMENDATION: We recommend approval of two (2) additional support counselor positions for the School-Based Mental Health Services Grant.

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