



Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative Executive Advisory Board

FROM: Marianne Fidishin, PhD, Executive Director

DATE: June 27, 2018

RE: 2018-2019 Alternative Learning Opportunities Program Continuation Application and Agreement

The Executive Director recommends approval of the Alternative Learning Opportunities Program Continuation Application and Agreement for the 2018-2019 school year.

The Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative Program provide an Alternative Learning Opportunities Program (ALOP) since 2012.

Article 13B of the School Code (105 ILCS 5/Art. 13B) recognizes that in order to achieve high standards, some students will need educational supports and other support services that are not currently provided by their regular school programs. In order to address these needs, Article 13B enables school districts to develop and implement Alternative Learning Opportunities Programs (ALOPs) that offer a broader range of academic, behavioral, and social/emotional interventions designed to increase the academic achievement levels of these students so that they are able meet the Illinois Learning Standards and complete their education in a safe learning environment.

The Alternative Learning Opportunities Program serve students that need educational supports and other interventions that are not currently provided by their regular school programs. The Kane County Regional Office of Education partners with school districts to develop and implement ALOPs that offer a broader range of academic, behavioral, and social/emotional interventions designed to increase the academic achievement levels of these students so that they are able to meet the Illinois Learning Standards and complete their education in a safe learning environment.

The MVSEC ALOP programs are located at two facilities: Mades-Johstone Center and the New Directions Program; and the SAIL Transition Program located at the Shelby Building, Waubonsee Community College, and Elgin Community College.