

Proposal: That the Board approve the development of a SPEED Deaf and Hard of Hearing Satellite Program effective August 2016, to provide services for the high school students currently served by ECHO Joint Agreement.

Rationale:

ECHO Joint Agreement currently provides programming for students who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing at Rich South High School for SPEED Member Districts 201U, 206, and 227. ECHO's member high school districts plan to provide their own programs in the future, leaving only SPEED Member Districts' students. To that end, the Executive Director of ECHO has requested that SPEED provide the programs.

Information:

Current students in ECHO DHH program:
2015-2016 school year 10 students;

- 3 students are mainstreamed full time and require individual interpreters.
- 7 students receive academic instruction in the DHH classroom, and are mainstreamed for PE and Electives.

Current Staff ECHO DHH program:

- 3.0 FTE DHH Teachers,
- FTE Social Worker
- 0.80 FTE Speech and Language Pathologist
- 7.0 FTE Interpreters,
- FTE DHH administrator.

All students require an interpreter for some portion of their school day. The students who are in the self-contained DHH classroom will attend their Physical Education and elective/special class in the general education environment and therefore, will require an interpreter.

Enrollment projections:

2016-2017 school year 11 students

- 3 students are mainstreamed full time and
- 8 students in the self-contained DHH classroom,

2017-2018 school year 11 students, 2018-2019 school year 4 students, 2019-2020 school year 4 students.

Recommended Staffing for 2016/17 - Based on IEP services

➤ 2.0 FTE DHH Teachers (covering 4 grade levels)	\$136,200	(SPEED average DHH Teacher Salary w/benefits x 2)
➤ .50 FTE Social Worker (DHH Specialty)	39,200	- specialized SW recommended - ASL
➤ .50 FTE Speech Language Pathologist	39,200	- ASL recommended
➤ 2.0 FTE Classroom Interpreters	120, 135	(5yrs on SPEED salary licensed schedule with IMRF & benefits)
➤ Rent – 2 classrooms	24,000	
➤ Community Based Instruction	<u>2,500</u>	
	\$361,235	

Based on 11 student: Annual Rate = \$32,840 Daily Rate = \$187.66

- Instructional Materials/Technology 15,000 - generally paid by grant and not included in tuition
- Transition services and supervision can be provided by existing SPEED staff
- Individual Interpreters billed as 1:1 aides @ approximately \$60,000

Elementary

We are waiting for information from ECHO regarding the number of SPEED elementary students in their program. ISBE reports fifty-two (52 students ages 3-14) with Hearing Impairment and/or Deafness in our member districts as of 14/15, but not all of these students require a special program. Many are served by our DHH Itinerant teachers in their home schools.