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Nursing Needs 2013-2014 School Year

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CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE ROOSEVELT AND VHS HEALTH SERVICES:

We will have proximately 100-125 more students at the Roosevelt School next year. Of these students 2 have multiple handicaps. One student requires full time nursing services and will need an additional nurse to cover lunch breaks and 15 minute breaks on a daily basis. A diabetic student will also be entering the Roosevelt and will need daily administration of insulin, blood sugar monitoring and carbohydrate counting. I do not yet know the number of incoming students requiring daily medication administration at school. There will be approximately 14 students with asthma, and 5 students having various allergies.

Review of the current needs for the Roosevelt and VHS:

Health Alerts are significant medical needs that students have such as asthma, diabetes, seizures, food allergies Medical conditions are ADHD, birth defects, other mental health disorders etc.

VHS Health Alerts- 85

4 Grand Mal Seizures, 5 food allergies, 1 diabetic, 1 hypoglycemic, 1 vasovagal syncope, 51 Asthmatics, and other medical issues, heart conditions etc, 7 daily medications,

VHS Health Conditions- 310

Roosevelt Health Alerts- 79

38 Asthmatics, 2 Grand Mal Seizures, 1 Petit Mal Seizure, 10 food allergies, and 7 daily medications

Roosevelt Health Conditions- 194

Currently, I have 6 students that have TPB and am expecting to have more next year with the incoming 3rd and 4th grades. As you can see our students have many medical/health needs that require written medical plans and staff notification of needs. I truly feel that the additional work load in the Health Office will be significant enough to warrant additional help. I am not sure exactly what the additional nursing provision would look like but I would prefer that a Registered Nurse be hired. An additional RN would be able to sub in the buildings and cover for the student needing full time nursing care. An RN would also be able to assist me with writing care plans.

One suggestion is to have an additional nurse in the health office and this nurse would be responsible to cover breaks for the Roosevelt Student requiring full time nursing care and to assist with all other nursing procedures/documentation. Maybe this position would be 3-4 hours a day of which 45 minutes is used to cover breaks for the nurse working with the special needs student.

I know that Shelby Peterson is looking for a full time nursing position with the school and maybe her hours could be increased with her serving the Roosevelt school as well. My only hesitancy is that we will leave the PLC without a nurse in the building when she is at the Roosevelt School. Additionally, it may be difficult for Shelby's schedule to accomodate to cover breaks and lunch for the student requiring full time nursing services and to help with diabetic needs/medications over the lunch hour.

I do not know how you feel about 3rd grade students walking to the nursing office in its current location. Usually the 4th grade students walk in pairs but I do not like keeping one student in the nurses office while they wait for the other student as they miss educational seat time. A more central location that is handicap accessible may be nice for the health service office. It would be nice if the younger children did not have to travel so far to come to the nursing office. With that said, I do like my office as it is but whatever is best for our students is best for me.

On a different note, I am also requesting a lap-top computer so that I would be able to perform my written work

from any location in the District. My I-pad connector port is broken and it is difficult to provide presentations as I need to have Bill Bryson set-up my I-Pad to the location of each presentation. I do give many trainings throughout the school year.

I am available to discuss things further and appreciate your input.

Sincerely,

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