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Dear School Board Members,

To help provide DCSD with the most current professional knowledge and skills in the area of Speech-Language Pathology, we would like to attend the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association's 2023 Schools Conference from July 13-15 in Long Beach, California.

The ASHA Schools Conference program offers 2 ½ days of multiple, research based topics of interest relevant to speech therapy services that are school based. It is the largest professional development opportunity of the year for school based Speech-Language Pathologists. The following are a few of the classes being offered at this year's conference:

- Identifying Pediatric TBI: Screening and Assessment in the School Setting
- From Ideology to Practice: Rethinking School-Based Stuttering Intervention
- The SLP's Role in Autism Evaluations in Schools: Clarifying What the Words Mean
- Destination Collaboration Part I: Practical Ideas for Collaborative Service Delivery in Schools
- Using Curricular Materials in Intervention to Impact Educational Performance
- Speech Sound Disorder Assessment and Eligibility in Schools
- Working With Teachers for Classroom-Based Service Delivery
- Generalization Strategies for Children With Speech Sound Disorders
- Identification of Developmental Language Disorder in Multilingual Children
- Strengthening Your Language Tool Kit: Concrete Strategies for Supporting Middle- and High-School Students

Attending the 2023 ASHA Schools Conference will enhance our professional knowledge and skills, which will enable us to provide better care for our students. We will also be given the opportunity to acquire up to 14 CEU's (continuing education units) that are necessary for maintaining our certification and licensure.

A program book and speaker handouts will be given to each participant and therefore will help us share the knowledge we gain with our colleagues who did not attend the convention.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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