



## Executive Summary Finance Committee Meeting

DATE: May 23, 2024

TOPIC: Alternative Learning Opportunities Program

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### **Recommended for:**

- Action
- Discussion
- Information

### **Purpose/Background:**

The North Cook Intermediate Service Center (NCISC) sponsors the North Cook ALOP (Alternative Learning Opportunities Program) Student Advocacy initiative. For students identified as high-risk for academic failure, these Student Advocates serve as a quasi-counselor, academic advisor, social worker, mentor, and family liaison. The program provides additional support and resources for students with poor attendance, in need of academic encouragement, or struggling with appropriate behavior. The Student Advocates are North Cook employees, but work on campus each school day. Their caseload could include 25-32 4th through 8th grade students.

The Administration conducted an informal needs assessment for this type of support determining we have sufficient number of students at the targeted grade levels to benefit from this partnership. With the addition of the Director of Student Services role, the Principals would welcome this additional student advocate to assist with struggling students.

District Legal Counsel reviewed the Intergovernmental Agreement and did not have any suggestions or concerns.

### **Fiscal Impact:**

The cost would be \$39,375 in the first year. There is no cost in subsequent years because it is funded through the State. Identified students generate EBF State funds for NCISC that fund the program moving forward.

**Recommendation:**

It is the Administrative recommendation that the Finance Committee concurs to recommend to the Board of Education to approve this Intergovernmental Agreement with the North Cook Intermediate Service Center for the Alternative Learning Opportunities Program with a first year expenditure of \$39,375.