



***Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative***

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**MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** Members of the MVSEC Executive Advisory Board

**FROM:** Carla Cumblad, Executive Director

**RE:** Increase in Teaching Assistants for the New Directions and New Pathways Programs

In the past month, 6 new students joined the New Directions Program. It is anticipated that in the next month, the program will add at least another four students. The established staff/student ratio is 2:1 for the elementary program and 3:1 for the high school program.

In the past month, one new student joined the New Pathways Program, (2-3 class at Munhall Elementary). The established staff/student ratio is 2:1 for this program. Currently, the program is staffed with one teacher and two assistants.

Due to the intense needs of the students, it is recommended that three additional teaching assistants be hired. The teaching assistants, if hired through the end of the year would be approximately \$39,000.

**Recommendation:**

It is recommended that the Board approve the hiring of three additional program assistants for the New Directions Program at MJC and the New Pathways Program at Munhall Elementary.