

MEMORANDUM

TO: Finance Committee

FROM: Robert Dehnert
Director of Special Services

DATE : April 18, 2022

RE: Request for Additional Setting III Resource Room
Paraprofessionals

Please consider approving the increase of elementary self-contained resource room staffing of two paraprofessionals.

Currently, Faribault Public Schools has four self-contained, setting III resource rooms (Lincoln Behavior Resource Room [2.5 paraprofessionals], Lincoln Development Delay Resource Room [3 paraprofessionals], Lincoln Autism Resource Room [3.5 paraprofessionals], and Roosevelt Developmental Delay Resource Room [4 paraprofessionals]). In addition, beginning at the start of the 23-24 school year, special services will be adding one Developmental Delay Resource Room with 1 teacher and 2 paraprofessionals by shifting resources from other special education areas.

The Special Services Department would like to add 2.0 FTE paraprofessionals to assist in the Lincoln Behavior Resource room and the Jefferson Developmental Delay Resource Room. These additions are needed based on the anticipated increase in students with significant needs in these programs.

Based on current cost, this increase would total approximately \$75,000 for 2.0 FTE paraprofessionals. Of that cost, approximately 52% or \$39,000 would be reimbursed through the special education funding formula leaving an increase of \$36,000 to the special education budget.

If you have any questions, please contact me. Thanks!

Rob Dehnert