



Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative Executive Advisory Board

FROM: Marianne Fidishin, PhD, Executive Director

DATE: June 27, 2018

RE: 2018-2019 Regional Safe Schools Program Agreement

The Executive Director recommends approval of the Regional Safe Schools Program Agreement for the 2018-2019 school year.

The Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative Program hosted the Regional Safe Schools Program (RSSP) since 1997, the year programming began in Illinois.

The Regional Safe Schools Program serves expulsion-eligible and/or multiply suspended students. The statewide program, authorized through the Regional Offices of Education, began serving students in 1996 as established by the Illinois School Code to provide a system of alternative education programs for disruptive students. The purpose of the RSSP is twofold: 1) to increase safety and promote the learning environment in schools and 2) to meet the particular educational needs of disruptive students more appropriately and individually in an alternative educational environment. This is a cooperative effort between the Regional Office of Education and the local school districts. The programs within school districts are designed to meet local needs. In 2008-2009 two hundred fifty students were served through this program. Without this program those students would not have received an education and would have most likely become dropouts.

The Kane County Regional Safe School Program is located at the Mades-Johnstone Center, Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative, 1304 Ronzheimer Avenue, St. Charles. During the 2017-2018 school year, RSSP supported 21 students. Note that not all students attend a full school year from August through June. Students are enrolled on a rotating basis and remain per districts' decisions.