Browning Public Schools
Board Agenda Request
Meeting to Be Held: 6/26/2019

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Recognition:	☐ Students	☐ Staff	☐ Parents
Information:	☐ Building Report	☐ Old Business	☐ Superintendent's Report
Action:	☐ Resignation	☐ Hiring	☐ Contract Service Agreements
	☐ Travel Out-of-State	☐ Travel In State	☒ Approvals
	☐ Termination	☐ Legal Matters	☐ Other:
	This action request pertains to	☐ Elementary (only)	☒ High School/District Wide

Date: 6/18/2019

To: **Board of Trustee**   **From:**   Corrina Guardipee-Hall
            Browning Public Schools   Title: Superintendent

Subject: Create School Psychologist Position 2019-2020

Description: The administration is recommending the creation of a School Psychologist position. Browning Public Schools currently has one licensed School Psychologist and an additional one that was recently hired, for the 2019-20 school year. There are currently 339 students, within the six school buildings, and Head Start program in Browning and four buildings in our outlaying communities having been identified with special needs that were managed by the current department psychologist. The additional licensed psychologist will allow that load to be cut in half, which will be roughly 135 special needs cases for each psychologist. Each student identified as needing support from special services requires a multitude of assessments and observations from the school psychologist. Even with the additional recent hire this size of case load is high and does not allow for efficiency in identification. To ensure that the identification process can be completed in an efficient and timely manner, and to prevent burnout of the current school psychologists on staff, an additional licensed psychologist is needed. The current psychologist has extended her contract for the 2018-19 school year to work during the summer months to complete evaluations for current students, preschool students at Head Start, and those that were unable to be completed during the 2018-2019 school year due to case overload.

Financial Impact: DOE up to $64,102 per 2018-2021 Master Contract

Funding Source (Budget/grant, etc.): Special Services Budget

Attachment(s): See attached Job Announcement

Approval: Superintendent's Office/Finance/Personnel as applicable (Initial) _____

Comments: _____

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Board Action: ☐ N/A (Info)   ☐ Approved   ☐ Denied   ☐ Tabled to: _____