



Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative

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MEMO TO: Executive Advisory Board
FROM: Nancy Sporer, Director of Business and Human Resources
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RE: **FY16 TENTATIVE BUDGET**

The following are the major highlights of the FY16 tentative budget. **The total operating budget shows an increase of 1.63% from the FY15 budget.** Related services and distributed costs such as administration are separated from program budgets. I have highlighted the changes made to the budget since the April 16th Board Workshop.

- 1) **Projected enrollment for the start of the school year is 283 students** which includes projected Safe School students. **There are still at least 8 unconfirmed students.** If all 291 students are confirmed, the FY16 enrollment will have increased by 18 students compared to the projections from the start of the 2014-15 school year. **Projected enrollment for FY16 is up by 37 students from the current enrollment.**
- 2) Salary Increases: 2.5% for non-certified and certified educators, 2.5% for administrators. Benefits: 10%. New rate will start January 1, 2016.
- 3) Personnel reimbursements are in each program budget for a total personnel reimbursement amount of \$855,300.
- 4) The New Pathways Autism program will increase by two (2) sections, one in the middle school and the other at the K-1 grade level in order to serve the referrals from the districts.
- 5) The ELS elementary enrollment has increased at the intermediate level. An intermediate section has been added to the budget.
- 6) **The Twelve Plus program's enrollment projections are 32-33, an increase of 5-6 students from FY15 projections. The projected FY16 enrollment is up by 9-10 students from the current enrollment.** Due to the higher enrollment an additional Teacher/Case Manager (1 FTE) has been added to the budget. There is a decrease of a .4 FTE Vocational Facilitator.
- 7) **The New Directions program has a reduction of 1 Teacher and 3 TA's from last year's budget.**
- 8) There has been a change from 1.0 FTE to .75 FTE for job coaches in the Vocational program and a decrease of a .4 FTE Vocational Facilitator.
- 9) An increase of .3 FTE in Psych services to better serve the increase in enrollment and the needs of the students.
- 10) FY16 NIA supervision services for hearing and vision and also APE fees have increased.
- 11) There is an increase of a .4 FTE Physical Therapist and a .5 FTE Occupational Therapist due to the differing needs of FY16 student referrals.
- 12) There is an increase of a 1.0 FTE Vision Itinerant to cover the increasing needs of the students.
- 13) **An increase of a .5 secretarial position in order to help the coordinators has been added to the budget.**

- 14) The Behavior/Instructional Coaches are still not in the IDEA grant due to the high percentage of the TRS federal contribution. The FY16 budget shows a decrease of a .10 FTE in the Behavior/Instructional Coaches. The Behavior/Instructional Coaches budget will be direct billed to districts by formula.
- 15) Mid Valley's allocation from the districts' IDEA allocations is 1.75%.
- 16) The O & M budget has been decreased by over 50% mainly due to the retirement of the debt service. We are planning on completing some of the items identified on the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan. The amount set aside for capital improvements is \$96,955. The major plans for FY16 include the installation of a security/surveillance system and a renovation of the time out rooms. We are also going to add and reconfigure the itinerant work stations.
- 17) For FY16 the majority of our technology funding will come from ALOP funds. The remainder of the costs (\$2,500) will be billed directly to districts by formula.
- 18) We are expecting \$420,000 in ALOP program funds which will flow through to Mid Valley from the ROE on the same schedule as GSA. The majority of the funds will be used to continue to pay the social worker, the electives teacher, vocational specialist, a middle school classroom teacher, a high school classroom teacher, a job coach, and a .5 Instructional Teacher. ALOP funds will also be used for funding part of the new technology rotation program and paying for the leasing and purchasing of vans used for community and vocational services.
- 19) The anticipated revenues for Medicaid outreach will be used to pay the rent for Shelby.