

## Memo

To: Harlem Board of Education

From: Josh Aurand

Date January 20, 2021

Re: Intergovernmental Agreement for Truancy Intervention Support

I am recommending the attached Intergovernmental Agreement for approval with the Boone/Winnebago Regional Office of Education (ROE) to provide a Truancy Interventionist that supports the high school for truancy intervention services, such as implementing interventions and remediation services, monitoring, attendance of students referred by schools, assisting in development of IOEP (Individual Optional Education Plan) with the student, parent school, and caseworkers, and work with the court systems when needed.

This position and level of service has been in place since 2016. By ensuring that our students are attending school, there is a probability that they will be more successful in school. Since this position has been introduced, Harlem High School's graduation rate has gone from 74% percent to consistently above 80%. This is one of the factors that has contributed to this increase.

The Interventionist will work Twenty (20) hours per week. The long range goal is to decrease truancy in the home preventing students from being successful. The Truancy Interventionist will develop absence intervention procedures for students who are at risk of being truant or who have already demonstrated truancy habits.