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Item: Request for additional position – Deaf & Hard of Hearing – Oral Deaf

Submitted by: Paul Dymowski, Kirsten Myers

Date: May 4, 2023

Recommended by: Dave Rodgers

Board Meeting Date: May 15, 2023

RECOMMENDATION:

Additional position:

- 1 Speech and Language Pathologist – Deaf & Hard of Hearing (DHH) Oral Deaf

BACKGROUND:

- Kent ISD Oral Deaf has seen an increase in students qualifying as Deaf/Hard of Hearing over the last 3 years. We currently have 18 students' birth to 3 that qualify for Michigan Mandate Special Education. On average there are 6-10 students with unilateral hearing loss; with the new MDE Early On Deaf/Hard of Hearing requirements, we anticipate more students qualifying for Michigan Mandate Special Education. This Speech and Language Pathologist position will support students throughout the Oral Deaf Program and help maintain caseloads for deaf students in Early On.