



TO: Harlem School District Board of Education  
Josh Aurand, Assistant Superintendent of Business Operations

FROM: Michelle Erb, Assistant Superintendent of  
Curriculum and Instruction

DATE: August 3, 2022

RE: Recommendation to Approve Lynn Liston, Infant Mental Health Consultant

Many requirements come with being a recipient of the Early Childhood Block Grant. One of the requirements is that we have an Infant Mental Health consultant work with our birth-3 Parent Educators.

As required by the Block Grant, Infant Mental Health Consultants support the work of infant and early childhood caregivers, providers, teachers, home visitors, and early intervention staff in child care centers, home child care, family homes, and early intervention offices. An infant and early childhood mental health consultant is often the voice for a child or group of children helping to build the capacity of care providers to understand and meet the needs of infants, children, and their families. They also can assist providers to better partner with parents to promote the social/emotional development and mental health of their children.

Due to the support these services can bring to our students, families, and staff, we will be contracting Lynn Liston as a Infant Mental Health Consultant for the Harlem School District Early Childhood Prevention Initiative 0-3 Program. As a District, we believe it is important to support the whole child, including their social/emotional well-being. Due to the stress of COVID-19, we believe it is crucial to have this added level of support for our Early Childhood Program.

Ms. Liston will be paid at the rate of \$150 per hour, not to exceed \$3300. Funds to pay Ms. Liston will be provided by the Early Childhood Block Grant, Prevention Initiative 0-3.

This contract is for the school year 2022-2023.

Thank you.