

**BOARD AGENDA ITEM
FEBRUARY 11, 2020**

SUBJECT:

Elementary Tier 3 Behavior Intervention Program

BACKGROUND:

In recent years we have seen a trend in increasingly challenging behaviors in a small population of our elementary students across the county. Interventions at the school-level have often been less than successful and may be contributing to an over identification of students with disabilities. Surveyed teachers indicated that classroom management of students exhibiting extreme behavior is the most challenging aspect of their job. Teacher Forum and Elementary Principals have also noted that a significant portion of the school day is devoted to supporting students in crisis.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

In December 2019, Administration proposed a concept to address the needs of students in crisis. The recommendation is a short-term (45-60 day) restorative program designed specifically for elementary students exhibiting chronic and repeated social, emotional, and behavioral incidents. The program would address the social, emotional, physical and cognitive aspects contributing to the behavior in a therapeutic environment, while also incorporating family support services. In order to have the program operational by the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year, Administration recommends employing a Director prior to the end of the current school year.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve funding for the Elementary Tier 3 Behavior Intervention Program for the 2020-2021 school year and authorize administration to employ a Program Director during the last quarter of the 2019-2020 school year.

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