

Budget Proposal:

Aides, School Safety, & School Based Mental Health

4 August, 2018

- This proposal is a request for 3 Mils (Approximately \$1,443,000) to be used to address the requests for additional aides, along with dollars for School Safety & School Based Mental Health (SBMH) in Bismarck Public School.
 - \$900,000 - Aides
This would give BPS partial funding for the current 19,737 hours of aide appeals and to bankroll the school year with 40,000 aide hours to support new students enrolling into BPS (based upon history). We are also going to audit our current utilization of Aides.
 - \$ 35,000 - ½ social worker
 - \$200,000 - 2 School Psychologist
This would move us from 10 FTEs to 12 FTEs – (The National recommendation for School Psychologist to student ratio would put BPS at 18 FTEs).
 - \$ 300,000 – Contracted Services, Risk Assessments, Consultation for Emotional Disturbance Teachers, Individual, small group support for students, and Pilot Projects

It is recommended that a School Based Mental Health Advisory Committee be formed this year, which would include a board member. Future Pilot Projects would be required to seek approval from the SBMH Advisory Committee, all projects would receive a post year analysis to determine continuation or not. Below are some current pilot programs:

- Riverside programs (OSS/Students Awaiting Expelled) with a Social Worker (0.5 FTE \$35,000 - 1.0 FTE \$70,000) for the Fall of 2018 and/or Clinical Psychologist (Day Treatment Model listed in above request)
- BHS SBMH Pilot for 2018-2019 with contracted clinical psychology services (\$12,000)
- Addiction and Chemical Dependency Counselor contract and/or services (\$100,000)
- Mental Health First Aid Training (preventative for suicide and other needs) (\$20,000)
- Moses Elementary SBMH Pilot 2018-2019 [Link to view proposal here](#)

We are also going to re-direct significant dollars currently in our budget for training

- Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) training and curriculum development for the new ND SEL standards
- Training for onboarding staff and additional deeper training for all staff on SBMH
- Mental Health First Aid Training (preventative for suicide and other needs)