

To: Brad Sellner, Superintendent, Howard Lake Waverly Winsted Board Members

From: Linda Wharram, Special Education Coordinator; Jen Olson, HES/WES Principal

Date: March 2nd, 2021

Purpose: Written Proposal for Anticipated Special Education Paraprofessional at Humphrey Elementary

Current Status

Humphrey Elementary continues to have students with behavioral challenges requiring one to one support throughout the day. Humphrey Elementary has an identified student that has an increased need for services since returning from distance learning. In addition to this, a student is being evaluated for service and is needing daily support from the Principal, Dean of Students, Social worker and Counselor. The special education team has developed new schedules, created incentive schedules for the students and received direct support from the Mawseco Behavioral Analyst. These students still continue to have need significant needs and are in need of additional support in the special education setting as well as the regular education setting.

Rationale

- Humphrey Elementary does not have the paraprofessional staff to consume the extra hours required.
- Paraprofessional staff is not available from Winsted Elementary, Middle School or High School to consume the extra hours required.

Purpose

- Provide the amount of service needed to ensure the safety of all students, ensure FAPE and provide necessary service as indicated on Individualized Education Plans.

Cost Analysis

- Up to 5.5 Hours for the Paraprofessional at Humphrey Elementary
- *Dependent upon years of experience. Position will be reimbursed in state special education aid.*

Final Thoughts

Thank you for your consideration and if you have further questions, please reach out via email or phone.