

To: Brad Sellner, Superintendent, Howard Lake Waverly Winsted Board Members
From: Linda Wharram, Special Education Coordinator; Jen Olson, HES/WES Principal; Jim Schimelpfenig: HLWW MS Principal; Jason Mix, HLWW HS Principal
Date: January 18th, 2022
Purpose: District Speech Language Services

Current FTE's for HLWW: 2.2 Speech Language Pathologists (SLP) to service the HLWW Schools and .90 Speech/Language Pathologist (1.0 SLP is hired by District and 1.2 is hired through contracted services)

Current Scenario: Howard Lake Waverly Winsted has had an increase in students needing initial speech evaluations at Winsted/Humphrey Elementary, St. James and Holy Trinity schools. This directly impacts the ability to still provide service to existing students.

Proposal: Increase the Speech/Language Pathology Assistant (SLPA) from 7.5 hours a day to 8.0 hours a day. Extend a contract to a retired Speech/Language Pathologist up to 40 hours to complete Initial Speech/Language assessments from January through May of 2022.

Current Service Needs:

Howard Lake Waverly Winsted	Age Group	IEP Manager	Service Provider	In evaluation
Darla Mackedanz FTE: 1.0	Early Childhood, Humphrey Elementary, High School, Head Start	24	32	6
Misty Riebel FTE: 1.0	Early Childhood, Winsted Elementary, MS, St. James and Holy Trinity	18	27	7
Nancy Thule (ONLY supervises SLP) Evaluates) FTE: .2	Winsted Elementary	5	11	

What can a SLPA do? An SLPA can assist with speech/language screening; provide direct service under SLP supervision, assist with due process paperwork/evaluation, preparation of materials and scheduling activities. An SLPA can provide instruction and program use of augmentative and alternative communication devices. The SLPA has to be supervised by a SLP who has two years of practice, holds current licensure and completes supervision coursework.

Rationale: The additional time of the SLPA will support the existing Speech/Language Pathologists with required due process paperwork, preparation of materials and other supports

as needed. The contracted 40 hours for a retired Speech/Language Pathologist will be only for supporting the existing Speech/Language Pathologists with Evaluation paperwork.

Projected Cost:

Retired Speech/Language Pathologist: 40 hours x \$75/hour = \$3,000

Increased Hours for SLPA: \$1280

Final Thoughts: *Will explore the use of COVID dollars to offset the additional costs occurred.*