



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: October 27, 2021

SUBJECT: Request Board signature of Bend La Pine School District Intergovernmental Agreement, Document Number 2021-651.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move approval and Board signature of Bend La Pine School District Intergovernmental Agreement for Healthy Schools collaboration, Document Number 2021-651.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Bend-La Pine Schools and Deschutes County Health Services, Public Health Division, work collaboratively to implement the Healthy Schools initiative in an effort to provide prevention and intervention for the purpose of supporting healthy school environments for optimal learning and personal well-being.

Deschutes County Health Services (County) and Bend-La Pine Schools (BLS) recognizes the importance of student's health so they can learn effectively and thrive both now and in the future. Therefore, the parties are leveraging this powerful community collaboration to place Public Health Specialists (PHSs) in each of the high schools and associated feeder schools by the 2023-2024 school year. These PHSs will serve as public health experts to administrators, staff and students of all ages as this model is fully implemented.

PHSs will work directly with administrators, counselors, staff, parents and students in order to improve adolescent health, access to learning, reduce risk-taking behaviors, and improve school culture at a level that will produce cost savings and reduce social and financial burden to our community. Issues to be addressed may include adolescent suicide ideation, vaping, bullying, social media risks, tobacco and alcohol use, pregnancy, sexually transmitted infections and immunizations as well as other emerging risks and infectious diseases that may keep students away or disconnected with school, which increases the likelihood of negative consequences in adulthood. County and BLS designed the Healthy

Schools concept together, acknowledging the needs of students and families, as well as each agency's strengths.

The full model of PHSs in BLS provides seven (7) staff, six (6) 0.8 FTE (working the school year) PHSs and one (1) 1.0 FTE County Health Services Supervisor. Each PHSs will serve one (1) school vertical alignment (i.e., a high school and the schools that high school serves). The model will be phased in such that beginning in Fiscal Year 2022 (Fiscal Year is July through June) only three (3) of the seven (7) staff will be hired. Fiscal Year 2022 staff will have a critical role for starting up and operationalizing the model in collaboration with BLS. In Fiscal Year 2023, two (2) additional staff will be hired to address two (2) additional school vertical alignments. In Fiscal Year 2024, the remaining two (2) staff will be hired to address the two (2) remaining school vertical alignments. Vertical alignment is defined by a High School, and its associated middle and elementary schools.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

Maximum compensation to Deschutes County Health Services is \$806,998. BLS shall provide the following sustainable matching funding: Year 1 - \$161,601; Year 2 - \$259,967; Year 3 - \$385,430. County will invoice BLS on a monthly or quarterly basis.

ATTENDANCE:

Tom Kuhn, Program Manager