

ATTACHMENT NO. X-C: Bilingual/ESL Teacher

Potential motion: Move to approve the Hiring of a Bilingual/ESL Teacher

Recommended action: Approve the motion.

Additional Bilingual Teaching Staff UE/MS 2021-2022

School code provides guidance regarding student supports related to bilingual education. Once a serving site has more than twenty students of the same language background a district must provide native language support.

Students receiving EL services or those who have refused typically take the ACCESS test in January. Scores are sent to districts in May so student exits based on obtaining proficiency may be completed. Due to the pandemic the state moved ACCESS testing to March, April and May of this year. Scores will be delayed. Districts must plan for all students to remain a part of bilingual programming for the start of the 2021-2022 school year.

Based on our current numbers we are anticipating the following numbers of students at the UE/MS next year in our bilingual/ESL services.

2021-2022 Projected numbers

5th= 18 students

6th= 15 students

Total: 33 students at the UE

7th= 9 students

8th= 12 students

Total 21 students at the MS

Current staffing is one teacher (ESL cert) and 1 bilingual paraprofessional. An additional bilingual/ ESL teacher working with current staff would allow us to maintain compliance with school code and better meet the needs of our students.

Proposal: Post and hire one additional bilingual/ESL certified staff member to service students at both the MS/UE.