

Effective Student Support: Middle School Counseling

Plan Overview: FY 2017-18

Budget Manager:

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Students need guidance in many areas of their educational experiences. School counselors are a critical resource in terms of helping those students navigate academic challenges, as well as the social and emotional barriers that create those challenges. Middle school counselors support students during some of the most intense developmental periods of their youth, and are often their primary supports, chief advocates, and confidants when it comes to not only academic issues, but on “highly personal matters and individualized choices often fraught with challenge and complexity due to family, cultural, and contextual considerations (Elias 2010).”

Counselors at the secondary level in BUSD provide a wealth of supports and services, including direct instruction in classrooms on life skills and decision-making, work with individuals and groups of students to raise awareness around educational options and career pathways, and support families and students with academic and social/emotional dilemmas. In addition, counselors provide direct services to families and students and connect them with school-based or community-based supports and services as needed.

BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FY 2017-18

Staff	\$573,800
• Middle School Counselors	4.80 FTE

This resource provides for 4.8 FTE for middle school counselors, allocated as follows:

- 2.4 FTE at King Middle School
- 1.2 FTE at Longfellow Middle School
- 1.2 FTE at Willard Middle Schools

BUDGET SUMMARY

Following is the proposal for expenditures for Counseling and Behavioral Health from funds allocated to this purpose in accordance with *The Berkeley Public Schools Educational Excellence Act of 2016* (BSEP/Measure E1).

Revenue

Net Revenue Allocation 632,200

Expense

Middle School Counselors 573,800

Reserve for Personnel Variance 10,000

Indirect Cost 34,794

618,594

Revenue Less Expense

13,606

Beginning Fund Balance

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Ending Fund Balance

13,606