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To: Board of Education
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By February 15th of each year, NC House Bill 75 part V requires that the local board of education be provided with the number of full time equivalent mental health certified support personnel employed in the district on December of the current year and December of the prior year. Below are the position comparisons for nurses, social workers, school psychologists, and guidance counselors. If there is a difference between prior year and current year, an explanation is to be provided.

	Full time equivalent personnel Dec 2020	Full time equivalent personnel Dec 2021	Difference
School Psychologist	1	1	0
Guidance Counselor	8	8	0
Social Worker	2	2	0
Nurses	4.6	4.0	-0.6

School Psychologist – No change

Guidance Counselor – No change

Social Worker – No change

Nurses – A decrease of .6 full time equivalents. We actually had 5 full time nurses in both December of 2020 and 2021. The state showed us as having 4.6 in December of 2020 because several nurses were out temporarily on leave due to COVID. Since it was COVID related, the leave pay for these individuals was paid from CARES funding instead of their normal payroll code. When the state made their calculations, they did not include the CARES budget codes in their estimates, and for the month of December 2020, it caused it appear that our FTE count was only 4.6. When the measure was taken by the state in December of 2021, the district had 1 nurse on extended leave. This nurse was not included in the total count, resulting in the state recording our nurse FTE count as 4. During this period where 1 nurse was on leave, the district contracted with a retired nurse to fill-in during the absence, but this was not reflected in the state's count.