To: Board of Education

From: Angie Estell, Director of Special Education and Amy Bedient, Assistant Director of Special Education

Re: Early Childhood Unified Special Education Teacher and Paraeducators

Date: April 25, 2022

History/Relevance: There have historically been 12 early childhood teachers in the Haysville School District. The teachers have served preschool aged children who qualified for special education services and children who are eligible to attend school through grants offered through the state. This past fall the state changed stipulations in regards to at-risk funding for preschool. Previously funds were only available for four-year-old children to attend preschool. Currently, at-risk preschool funds can be used to support students who are three-or four-years of age.

What: Approval for additional Early Childhood Unified Special Education Teacher

Why: In districts operating early childhood at-risk approved programs, 3-and 4-year-old students who meet an at-risk criterion for the Preschool-Aged At-Risk program and who are enrolled and attending on Count Day will automatically count as a ½ student (0.5 FTE) in calculating a district's enrollment and accompanying weightings. In prior years 3-year old students were not eligible for funding through this program so we do not have enough staff to enroll all three-year-old children residing within our boundaries.

School Year	**4-year-old Grant Funded Students**
2016-2017	150 (maximum allowed by funding)
2017-2018	152 (maximum allowed by funding)
2018-2019	161
2019-2020	165
2020-2021	126
2021-2022	159

Where: Student Support Services Department (Special Education)

When: Upon approval the position will be posted and remain open until filled with qualified candidates.

How: Through the approval of this proposal and supporting At-Risk grant funds and special education funds (state categorical aid).

Who: Early Childhood Unified Special Education Teacher

Two Paraeducators

How much:

- $74,017 for salaries per classroom if employing a teacher and two paraeducators
    - $45,289 for a MS level teacher
    - $28,728 for two Para IIIs ($14,364 per paraeducator)
- $74,560 Projected funding for staff
    - $48,460 Funding from the At-Risk Grant (assuming 10 students per class)
    - $14,500 State Aid for the Teacher (assumes 3 students with IEPs per class)
    - $11,600 State Aid for both paraeducators (assumes 3 students with IEPs per class)