



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: September 7, 2021

Consent Agenda

Presenter(s):

Jennifer Barnette, Budget

Requesting Department: Health and Human Services

Budget Amendment Item: AA361

Contact(s): Stacie Saunders, Health Director

Subject: Reopening Schools - School Health Liaison

Brief Summary:

To enable schools to establish and expand COVID-19 screening testing programs to support and maintain in-person learning, the federal government is providing financial resources through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) under the ELC Reopening Schools award. This is temporary funding for the Local Health Department to create Local Health Department Public Health School Health Liaisons for the coordination of COVID-19 screening, testing, and vaccine administration efforts, and to coordinate other school health/public health services.

To implement this temporary program, the Public Health department will create an addendum to the existing Mountain Area Health Education Center (MAHEC) contract for school nursing to include the additional scope of work for this funding. MAHEC will then hire two certified medical assistants. One would be dedicated to COVID-19 testing coordination and the other would be dedicated to isolation and quarantine consultation for schools without school nurses.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action:

Approve budget amendment

County Manager's Comments & Recommendation:

County Manager recommends as presented