

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Regents

From: Board Office

Subject: Approval of Contract with Loess Hills Area Education Agency 13 and Lewis Central Community School District

Date: August 30, 2001

Recommended Action:

Approve renewal of a contract with Loess Hills Area Education Agency 13 and Lewis Central Community School District for interpreter/integration services. (Exhibit)

Executive Summary:

Iowa School for the Deaf (ISD), Lewis Central Community School District (LCCSD), and Loess Hills Area Education Agency 13 (AEA 13) have for many years had an agreement to provide services to hearing impaired students as a part of their responsibilities. The cost of services to the students in the program is shared among the public bodies and paid both in cash contributions and in-kind services. Pursuant to Iowa Code §28E.4, agreements to provide such services require approval of the governing board of each public entity involved.

Background:

Certain students at ISD are identified by LCCSD, AEA 13, and ISD as benefiting from programs offered at LCCSD. These students attend specified classes at LCCSD. For this program and these students, LCCSD agrees to –

- Provide regular classroom experiences for the students;
- Provide space for the special teacher(s) and/or interpreters for the students;
- Provide locker space for each student;
- Provide guidance services as needed and support integrated experiences;
- Provide credit for class completions;

- Provide staff time for annual staffings for students;
- Provide a copy of the basic curriculum for classes students attend; and
- Count the full-time ISD students participating in this program as part-time shared students on the LCCSD September student count.

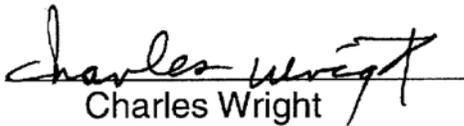
For this program and these students, the AEA13 agrees to –

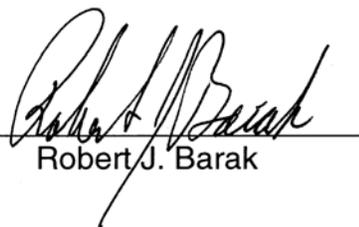
- Collect funds from the resident districts of individual students;
- Pay ISD \$23.50 per hour for interpreter services used by the students;
- Provide staff time for staffings for students;
- Provide consultation and administrative support; and
- Provide staff development to LCCSD teachers as needed;

For this program and these students, ISD agrees to –

- Identify the students who will participate in the program and information concerning their Individual Education Program and related services;
- Provide a liaison to work with the three agencies for coordination of student experiences;
- Provide transportation for students as needed;
- Provide staff time for annual staffings;
- Provide the coordination and communications to parents;
- Report to parents the grades and credits received by students;
- Provide certified and qualified staff to enable the program to succeed; and
- Provide supervision, consultation, and administrative support to staff.

Superintendent Johnson reports that the cost of the program shared by each public body is fair and equitable. Pursuant to the requirements of Iowa Code §28E.4, the Board Office recommends approval of the contract outlined above.


Charles Wright

Approved: 
Robert J. Barak