Silverado College Prep & Career/Technical HS

Request for Information Response

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Social worker or other licensed mental health professional

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SECTION II
NARRATIVE

Silverado College Preparatory & Career/Technical High School

Silverado is a comprehensive high school with a zone that consists of the daily, weekly, and monthly budget suites and apartments at the south end of Las Vegas Blvd. Silverado has a 22% transiency population and our 15-16 count day enrollment was 2324. Silverado is a minority to majority school with 9% Asian, 31% Hispanic, 8% Black, 42% White, 3% Pacific Islander, and 7% two or more races. To date, Silverado has completed 33 suicide protocols, 11 Legal 2000's, and 28 re-entry plans from a mental health facility. We have also had student suicides and teacher deaths this year which have put an emotional strain on the students and staff. Furthermore, Silverado is a Select School so students from throughout the district are able to attend.

The social worker/mental health professional will offer essential assistance with many of our school initiatives and services. Foremost is service to our students which includes intervention strategies for specific behaviors and academic success. At Silverado High School we have the HOPE 2 program, which offers an in-house alternative for students that have made poor behavior and social choices. Many of these students are at-risk and require social and/or counseling services in order for them to be successful in the regular school setting. Our Family Educational Resource Center (partnership between the United Way and Women's Leadership Council) provides assistance to many of our students that need support in terms of academic, family, and career counseling., yet they can't meet all of the students' needs and as of the 2015 school year, counseling services are no longer a component of this grant and it will be terminating after the 2016-2017 school year. We also have students enrolled in JAG who would benefit from the services of a Social Worker/Mental Health Professional.

As mentioned above, Silverado has had an excessive amount of suicide protocols, Legal 2000's, and re-entry plans which take anywhere from 1-4 hours each to process and involve many school professionals. This excessive amount of time has resulted in our counselor's not being able to service as many students as they would like. The social worker/mental health professional would be able to assist with the creation of a peer mentor group on campus.

The social worker/mental health professional at Silverado HS will assist with all of the aforementioned initiatives and work closely with the counseling department on suicide protocols, Legal 2000's, and re-entry plans. They will

prepare presentations for staff development days and faculty meetings so teachers, staff, and administration are better equipped to identify at risk students. They will also present lessons on bullying and suicide to our Freshmen Studies/Health classes and conduct home visits as appropriate. They will also monitor and track graduation rates and assist with closing the achievement gap for our most at-risk students. All of these services will not only improve academic performance, but will enhance the overall school climate at Silverado High School. We hold monthly PAC (Parent Advisory Council) meetings in the daytime and evening and the social worker/mental health professional would be able to present during these meetings.