Robert E. Lake ES

Request for Information Response

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Social worker or other licensed mental health professional

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SECTION II
NARRATIVE

Robert E. Lake Elementary School

Robert E. Lake Elementary School is a year-round school hosting Pre-K through 5th grade students. The school's count day enrollment for 2015-16 was 812 students with 3.7% Asian, 67.7% Hispanic, 18.4% African American/Black, 6.3% White, and 3% two or more races. Lake has over 400 students who are English Learners. All students receive free breakfast and lunch each day. There are 3 self-contained Special Education programs, 1 Pre-K community based inclusion program, as well as, resource support in primary and intermediate grades.

The social worker/mental health professional will compliment nicely with a full-time counselor. The counselor will work on issues like bullying, small group interventions for behavior, and allocating resources to families. The social worker will be a great help with connecting with the families, locating resources specific to the needs expressed by parents, and bringing in community resources to build buy-in from the local businesses and organizations. A mental health professional will be valuable on campus due to our students being uninsured/underinsured. We need to build long-lasting relationships with social and mental health agencies in this area. Also, providing professional development to teachers will help to identify risk factors in students and families.

The social worker/ mental health professional will provide support to students, staff, parents and community members at Robert E. Lake. Specifically, the social worker/mental health professional would serve the school by providing crisis interventions, assist with identifying attendance issues and creating intervention plans for chronically absent students, provide parenting classes for our families, assist with home visits, train staff on essential information to better understand factors (cultural, societal, economic, familial, health etc.) affecting a student's performance and behavior.