Roger Bryan ES

Request for Information Response

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Social worker or other licensed mental health professional

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SECTION II
NARRATIVE

Roger Bryan ES

Roger Bryan ES is a unique school located in the center of Las Vegas. We have over 30 different languages spoken by parents and students.

Our population is 26.11% Asian, 26.42% Hispanic, 16.59%, African-American, 20.12% White, 2.6% Pacific Islander, and 8.2% multi-racial. We have a population of 13.06% of students with IEPs compared with 11.83% in the state of Nevada and 11.63% in Clark County. Our Free and Reduced Lunch Population is 52.84%.

From the beginning of our current school year, we have had to do five suicide protocols. We have a 24.40% transiency rate. Our absences are on the rise. We have a growing homeless population and are constantly scrambling to find outside resources to assist them. We have a full time counselor who is not only doing her job required duties (meeting with small groups of students, doing lessons in the classrooms, and meeting with individual students) but also those of a social worker. We are working to include parents in the education of their children but need more assistance. If we had a social worker and/or mental health professional at our site working with our counselor, we could do so much more to see that our students were ready to learn.

We would use our social/mental health professional for family connections, as a behavior/emotional resource person, as a homeless advocate, for parent classes (dysfunctional parents who need help with academics, getting their children to school, behavior strategist), and mental health issues such as anger, stealing, strategies. We would have this person work alongside the counselor, attend and participate in staff meetings, and participate in all professional development sessions and trainings.