Raul P. Elizondo ES

Request for Information Response

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Social worker or other licensed mental health professional

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SECTION II
NARRATIVE

Raul P. Elizondo Elementary School

Elizondo ES is a very large elementary school of over 800 students facing numerous academic challenges typically associated with high enrollment and a transient population that is predominately of low socioeconomic status. We are approximately made up of 41% Hispanic, 29% African American, 16% Caucasian, and 4% Asian American.

21% of our students are ELL and 77% receive free and reduced lunch. Additionally, this school's population is very mobile, exhibiting a transiency rate of 35% in 2014-15. This year we are also seeing an increase of homeless families.

A social worker will provide support to students, staff, and the parents at Elizondo ES. In regards to students, services could include assisting students in accepting self and others, developing strategies to increase academic success, assisting students in developing appropriate social skills, and teaching conflict resolution and anger management. In regards to parents, services could include assisting families to help them enable their children to function more effectively in school and to utilize a variety of resources. The social worker could assist teachers with behavior management issues and train teachers to better address factors that could affect students' performance and behavior such as, cultural, social, economic, and health. In regards to community involvement, services could include advocating for services and assist in receiving adequate support from social agencies and obtain and coordinate community resources to meet students' needs. In addition, services could include developing and implementing plans for identified children with behavioral, social, and/or emotional needs; identification and monitoring of students who are victims of child abuse and/or neglect; providing case management for students and families requiring multiple resources; and providing consultation regarding related Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS).

The social worker will work alongside the counselor, attend and participate in staff meetings, professional development sessions and trainings. They will conduct home visits and meet with families regularly, share strategies in the areas of mental health and human behavior to parents and teachers. This position will provide assistance to school administration with ensuring compliance with Senate Bill 504 by counseling students involved in bullying allegations, both the targets as well as the bullies, as well as providing guidance and training on positive school climate strategies. The social worker will

provide students with strategies to cope with and overcome difficulties impacting school performance. He/she will assist in developing and implement parent support groups and activities that promote parent involvement. They will assist in identifying challenges in a child's living situation and coordinate school and community resources to enable students to learn as effectively as possible in the educational setting. They will be asked to lead educational workshops and presentations for the teachers and parents and provide information related to school wide planning for the educational needs of children at Elizondo ES.