Jim Bridger MS

Request for Information Response

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Social worker or other licensed mental health professional

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SECTION II
NARRATIVE

Jim Bridger Middle School

Jim Bridger MS is a middle school facing numerous academic challenges typically associated with a population that is predominately of low socioeconomic status. The school's current enrollment for 2015-16 is 1,455 students with 0.03 % American Indian/Alaskan Native, 2.8 % Asian, 75.12% Hispanic, 10.86% Black/African American, 8.76% Caucasian, 0.03% Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, and 2.89% Multi-Racial. Additionally, 84.53% of these students qualify for Free/Reduced Lunch (FRL), 74.1% have Limited English Proficiency (LEP), and 0.10% has an Individualized Education Plan (IEP). The school currently has 44 homeless students enrolled at Jim Bridger MS.

The social worker/mental health professional will provide support to students, staff, parents, and community members at Jim Bridger MS. Specific services for students will include assisting students who have social/emotional issues, academic intervention for struggling students identified by the counseling team, small groups for students with social interaction issues, assisting with crisis intervention (as needed), and small groups for grief counseling, conflict resolution and anger management. Specific services for parents/families will include assisting parents in accessing and utilizing school and community resources and providing parents' access to programs available to children with special needs. Specific services for school personnel include assessing students with mental health concerns, assisting teachers with behavior management, providing direct support to staff, actively participating in the RTI and SWPBIS committees. Specific services to promote community involvement include obtaining and coordinating community resources to meet students' needs. Specific services to promote district initiatives include assisting in development and implementation of programs for identified children with behavioral, social, and/or emotional needs through the RTI and SWPBIS committees; working with the counseling department to assist with developing and training on alternative programs and strategies for truants, delinquents, and excessively disruptive students; working with the counseling department to assist with monitoring of students who are victims of child abuse and/or neglect; providing case management for students and families requiring resources; and providing consultation regarding related Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS), mental health standards, and district/school policies and procedures.

The proposed social worker/mental health professional at Jim Bridger MS will assist with all aforementioned initiatives, as well as, work with the counseling

department, attend and participate in staff meetings, professional development sessions and training. The person selected for this position will work with our Title I Liaison for home visits and meet with families regularly, contribute knowledge, skills, and techniques in the areas of mental health and human behavior to parents and school team members. The person selected for this position will provide guidance and training as part of the SWPBIS and RTI committees. The expectation is that he/she will develop and facilitate weekly groups and provide students with strategies to cope with and overcome difficulties impacting school performance, academic and behavioral. He/she will develop and implement parent support groups and activities that promote parent involvement/engagement. They will assist in identifying challenges in a child's living situation (home, school, and community) that may affect the child's adjustment, performance, and attendance in the educational setting.