Martha P. King ES

Request for Information Response

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Social worker or other licensed mental health professional

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SECTION II
NARRATIVE

Martha P. King Elementary School

This year our student population is higher than it has been during my 7 years here. We are at 475 and are a 3rd, 4th and 5th grade school. Additionally, we have 3 resource room teachers as our Special Ed. population is much higher than most K-5 Schools. FRL 65.3%, ELL 4.6%, IEP 30.1%, White 80.09%, Hispanic 9.84 %, 2 or more races 7.03%. We also get children from St. Jude's Ranch for children and Bountiful foster home. On average, we have 20-24 students from these places each year.

A social worker/mental health professional would be able to provide needed support to staff, students and parents. Given that our population has been increasing with our FRL, IEP and students in the foster care system, more students require additional support to be successful.

The addition of a social worker/mental health professional would be able to work with members of our staff to share resources and strategies to assist with student needs. We envision this person becoming part of our staff, attending parent meetings and be involved on a case by case basis. They would be able to coordinate guidance/assistance with students, teachers and parents. We share a school counselor and Assistant Principal with another school so we are limited with the personnel to assist, plan and coordinate this important aspect of the school setting. Given this professional person, he/she would also be able to coordinate more with the families to provide training and resources available to parents.