



AUTHORIZING ENTERING AN AGREEMENT WITH SCOTT COUNTY FOR ATTENDANCE SPECIALIST SERVICES

Scott County is working with the Shakopee School District to collaborate on school, county and community systems to improve attendance in the Shakopee school district, as well as to work directly with students and families on targeted approaches to improving individual student attendance outcomes; and

Scott County's strategic plan focuses on children and promoting healthy child development and family resiliency by aligning resources and community partnerships directed at prevention and early intervention; and

A joint board meeting between Scott County and Shakopee School Board was held on October 23, 2023, where the collaborative plan was reviewed that specifically identifies the strategies and tactics aimed at children consistently attending school, being engaged in learning and parents having enhanced capacity to address child well-being and ensuring regular school attendance; and

Under this agreement, the Shakopee School District will provide a full-time Attendance Specialist with full administrative support to support positive attendance strategies and direct work with students, ages 11-15 in Shakopee schools who are at-risk for chronic absenteeism; and

Targeted intervention will be focused on middle school students and engaging students who are most at-risk to become chronically absent in 9th grade and throughout high school; and

This position will spend a minimum of 30% of all hours in the community; and

The services will include the School District providing:

- Protective Factors training facilitated by the County
- Outreach and case management to students with excessive school absences in Shakopee middle schools
- Annual-fall back-to-school truancy meetings with the Scott County Truancy Team and Shakopee School District and building leadership
- Assessment of need within thirty (30) days of initial contact with student/family
- Development of an Individualized Support Plan ("ISP") by day 31 of contact with the student/family
- Weekly Middle School attendance team meetings to discuss student progress
- Referral and linkage to appropriate community-based services
- Coordination of ongoing services
- Case closure services
- Monthly meetings with an integrated team of school, district, county and prevention staff
- District meetings and conversations
- Outreach to community
- Monitoring and management of caseloads
- Quarterly reporting to the County; and

The Agreement is effective June 1, 2024, through May 31, 2025, with extension options for three additional years via a written letter; and

Total funding under this Agreement shall not exceed \$115,000 per school contract year from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, with funding coming from the use of the County's fund balance.

The School Board of Shakopee Public Schools authorizes entering a service agreement with Scott County for Attendance Specialist services in the amount of \$115,000 per school contract year (paid entirely by Scott County) from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

The School Board of Shakopee Public Schools authorizes the Superintendent, or designees, to execute the contract on behalf of the school district, subject to approval by the school district's attorney in terms of contract form and legality.