

FY 24 Budget -- BMWMS Writing Teacher Proposal

<p><u>School:</u> Whittier Middle School</p>
<p><u>Submitted By:</u> Shawn Vincent, Principal</p>
<p><u>Proposal Name:</u> Writing Teacher</p>
<p><u>Priority Rank Order:</u> 1</p>
<p><u>Statement of Proposal (Description):</u> Add a full-time writing teacher to the Whittier Middle School staff</p>
<p><u>Justification (Supporting Data):</u> Student writing continues to show a need for more instructions and additional practice. There is another large class of students (144) coming to Whittier next year. Moving the teaching position from ESSER funding to the regular budget and continuing to fill the position allows us to address both of these needs. Students get the important instruction and practice and the additional teacher allows us to keep class sizes at about 20.</p>
<p><u>Goals and Expected Benefits:</u> The addition of the writing teacher has provided us with a significant increase in the number of English language arts minutes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">o 2019-20: approximately 8,750 English Language Arts minutes per studento 2021-22, 2022-23: approximately 10,720 English Language Arts minutes per student <i>18% increase</i> <p>Students are getting more practice writing essays, revising their work, and writing for authentic purpose.</p>
<p><u>Consequences of Non-Approval:</u> Students will lose the writing instruction they are currently experiencing. Class sizes will increase, and we will need to rework our current schedule.</p>
<p><u>Lower Cost Alternative:</u> Consider adding a full-time regular education tech III to support student writing, cover study halls or executive functioning activities.</p>
<p><u>Resources Required (List and cost of staff, materials, space):</u> Teacher salary and benefits: \$85,000 Computer: \$1,000</p>
<p><u>Is Proposal to be funded with new funds or a reallocation of existing funds? Is a proposed reallocation, please list source.</u> This position has been funded by ESSER funds the last two years. I am requesting that it moves to the local budget.</p>