

Issaquah School District #411
Issaquah, Washington
RESOLUTION 1163

A RESOLUTION of the Issaquah School District Board of Directors on Program Restoration Parameters:

WHEREAS, in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic and resulting decline in District revenue(s) the Board approved the 2021-22 Program/Service Reductions as presented by the Administration during their April 14, 2021 Special Board Meeting; and

WHEREAS, during the April 14, 2021 Special Meeting the Board requested the District provide parameters for restoration of program assuming additional resources may be provided by the legislature; and

WHEREAS, the District has a priority of financial stability and a Board requirement for a 3 to 7% unreserved fund balance which must be weighed against the desire to restore or expand programs; and

WHEREAS, the District has invested significantly in academic counseling, counseling support and mental health counseling and would like to prioritize restoration of these programs if finances allow; and

WHEREAS, The District has currently 83 Staff FTE allocated to academic counseling, counseling support and mental health counseling and the approved program reduction has lowered these staffing levels to 59 FTE; and

WHEREAS, the legislature has provided additional funding to the District over a two year period totaling close to \$20 million due to the enrollment and transportation funding shortfalls created by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the District believes that having counseling supports in place for students is essential as we move from hybrid/remote learning to traditional in-person schooling; and

WHEREAS, the District has had enrollment declines of 1,180 student FTE in the current school year and is projecting an additional 472 student decline in 2021-22; and

WHEREAS, program reductions must be made to provide staffing levels commensurate with new and lower student enrollment; and

WHEREAS, the funding provided by the legislature in this biennium and next coupled with the execution of specific program reductions (excluding counseling) will allow for the District to maintain financial stability for at least the coming fiscal year.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Issaquah School District that:
The Board hereby directs the Superintendent to restore program reductions in the areas of counseling, counseling support and mental health supports as deemed appropriate by the Superintendent.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Board of Directors of the Issaquah School District No. 411, King County, Washington at an open public meeting of the Board of Directors held this 13th day of May 2021 with the following directors being present and voting:

Board President

Director

Director

Director

Director

Attest:

Ron Thiele, Secretary
Board of Directors