



LAKE BLUFF SCHOOL DISTRICT 65

To: Dr. Lisa Leali, Superintendent of Schools
Members of the Board of Education
From: Tracy Roehrick, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services
Date: 4/9/2026
Subject: Proposal for Development of Student Support Space with Addition of LBS1

Background

The district is committed to supporting students within the general education environment while maintaining high expectations for engagement and learning. As part of this commitment, the proposed regulation and behavioral instruction space is designed to provide a structured, short-term intervention setting for students experiencing significant behavioral or emotional dysregulation.

The regulation and behavioral instruction space functions as an extension of the classroom, not a replacement. It is designed for brief, purposeful removal to support regulation, rather than prolonged exclusion (e.g., in-school suspension). The focus is on helping students de-escalate, develop self-regulation and executive functioning skills, and return to instruction as quickly as possible.

The regulation and behavioral instruction space is also intentionally distinct from the school's sensory room. While the sensory room is a proactive support used to maintain regulation through planned accommodations, the regulation and behavioral instruction space is a responsive intervention used when a student is unable to remain safely or productively in the classroom. In simple terms, the sensory room helps maintain regulation, while the regulation and behavioral instruction space restores it.

Current Needs

Schools are experiencing an increased need for structured behavioral and emotional supports for students who require more than classroom-based interventions. When students become significantly dysregulated, current responses often result in removal from instruction without a consistent, skill-based intervention approach.

Without a defined system such as the regulation and behavioral instruction space:

- Students may lose significant instructional time
- Staff may rely on exclusionary practices that do not address underlying skill deficits
- Behavioral needs may escalate due to inconsistent responses
- There is an increased risk of more restrictive and costly placements



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Additionally, there is a need for trained staff to provide targeted, evidence-based interventions aligned to student IEPs, Behavior Intervention Plans (BIPs), and MTSS supports. Without

dedicated personnel, it is difficult to ensure consistency, fidelity of implementation, and meaningful skill development for students.

Recommendation

Administration recommends the allocation of funding to implement the regulation and behavioral instruction space and ensure it operates as an effective, instructional support model.

This includes:

- 1.0 FTE LBS1 Teacher: \$88,486
- Furniture, Curriculum, and Materials: \$5,000
- Total Funding Request: \$93,486

The LBS1 teacher will provide direct support within the regulation and behavioral instruction space, deliver targeted instruction in regulation and executive functioning skills, align interventions with student plans, and collaborate with staff to ensure successful reintegration into the classroom.

The materials budget will support the development of a structured, low-stimulation environment and provide necessary tools such as sensory supports, instructional resources, and flexible seating.

Approval of this request will allow the district to implement a consistent, proactive system that reduces reliance on exclusionary discipline, increases instructional time, and supports students in developing the skills necessary for long-term success.

I respectfully request the Board's consideration of this proposal to ensure we provide a continuum of supports and services to meet the needs of all students.

I am available to provide any additional information or to discuss this proposal further at your convenience.

Respectfully,
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