



ANTIOCH COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 34

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BOARD MEETING MEMORANDUM

Board Meeting Date: August 11, 2026

From: McKenna Gomez, Director of Student Services

Re: Exceptional Learners' Collaborative Intergovernmental Agreement

Attachment: Exceptional Learners' Collaborative IGA - Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Exceptional Learners' Collaborative IGA - Assist Technology

Agenda Location: Consideration to Approve: Action Items

Rationale:

To ensure we have the necessary staffing to meet the specialized needs of our students receiving special education services, Antioch CCSD 34 has entered into agreements with the Exceptional Learners' Collaborative (ELC) to provide:

- 0.3 FTE Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services – supporting students with hearing impairments through direct instruction, consultation, and collaboration with school teams.
- 0.6 FTE Assistive Technology Services – assessing, recommending, and supporting the use of assistive technology tools that enable students with disabilities to access the curriculum and participate fully in school activities.

These services fill critical gaps where recruitment for district-employed specialists has been unsuccessful, ensuring compliance with student Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) and uninterrupted delivery of mandated services. Our long-term goal remains to hire and retain our own staff for these positions whenever possible, in alignment with the Board-approved FTE plan.

Recommendation/Motion:

The administration recommends that the Board approve the Intergovernmental Agreements with the Exceptional Learners' Collaborative for contracted services to provide Assistive Technology and Deaf/Hard of Hearing Itinerant Services for the 2026–2027 school year.