

Proposed Amendment to the FY22 Proposed Budget

Amendment #	19
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Intent (required):

To increase School Social Worker FTE's by 3 by reducing contracted services for School Safety.

Funding Source (required):

Identify specific account numbers and nature of expenditure (budget line item) to be increased and budget line items to be decreased to fund the amendment (required; add rows as needed)

Page #	Budget Line Items to be Changed: Account Number and Nature of Expenditure (To/From; Increased and Decreased to balance)	FTE Increase	Amount Increase	FTE Decrease	Amount Decrease
3C-38	School Social Worker SSW-0-S-EEN-DW-ESSW6018 DWC-0-0-EEN-DW-EEBN	3.0	\$212,937 \$114,134	0.00	0
3C-80	Contracted Services OGA-0- 0-SST-DW-ECTS	0.00	0	0.00	\$327,071
	Total		\$327,071		\$327,071

Fund (please refer to the table of contents for the Line Item section of the Proposed Budget book, attached, to find the Fund that is aligned with the page number referenced above):

School Operations Fund

Extension Fund

Construction Fund

Required Vote:

Simple Majority

Super Majority (2/3)

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Administration Response:

This amendment would increase school social worker positions by three FTE through reducing contracted services allocated within the school safety budget.

There is \$2,072,628 budgeted for contracted services within the School Safety budget. The amount is allocated for contracts with Running Rebels and Milwaukee Christian Center to support school staff and students to foster a safe learning environment. This established partnership has been in effect within Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) for approximately sixteen years. The program has grown and is now in twelve MPS schools (ten high schools and two middle schools) to assist in cultivating healthy social emotional responses that lead to positive relationships and successful educational outcomes.

Youth advisors provide mentoring for students to build relationships while providing a positive role model, to increase respectful conflict management and to support students with attendance and academics. A reduction in these services would decrease services for students.

School social workers were increased through referendum funding for fiscal year 2020–21 by 15 FTEs and those FTE were maintained in the proposed FY22 budget. In addition, school social worker FTEs were increased for FY22 by 5 FTEs within the proposed ESSER II budget detail; however, that increase was offset by a reduction of 2.45 FTEs mostly due to grant funding. Total impact of the increase in ESSER II therefore is only 2.55 FTEs.

The administration recommends 3.0 social worker FTEs be added to the ESSER II funding by reducing \$327,071 allocated on page 9 of the ESSER II Budget Detail.