

Proposed Amendment to the FY20 Proposed Budget

Amendment #	001-Phillips
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Intent (required):

To take \$100,000 of Board-funded safety contracts and allocate it to fund Board-approved coordination of the equity policy, bilingual programming, restorative practices, and the Montessori Strategic Plan.

Funding Source:

Identify specific budget lines to be increased and budget lines to be decreased to fund the amendment (required; add rows as needed)

Page #	Budget Line to be Changed (To /From) Budget Code and Description	FTE Increase	Amount Increase	FTE Decrease	Amount Decrease
3C-89	OGA-0-0-SST-X-ECTS Contracted Services	0	0	0	\$100,000
3C-73	OTH-0-0-SSF-XX-EBAJ Board approved coordination	0	\$100,000	0	0
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	Total		\$100,000		\$100,000

Fund:

- School Operations Fund
- Extension Fund
- Construction Fund

Required Vote:

- Simple Majority
- Super Majority (2/3)

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Administration Response:

The Amendment requests to take \$100,000 of a Board-funded safety contract and allocate it to fund Board-approved coordination of the equity policy, bilingual programming, restorative practices, and the Montessori Strategic Plan. The 2019–20 Superintendent’s Proposed Budget set aside \$440,780 to fund the first year of the Montessori Strategic Initiative, \$466,724 for the Bilingual Program Expansion and \$372,449 for five culturally responsive/ethnic studies teachers. In addition, grant funding will support reading and math teachers prepared in culturally responsive teaching methods. Additional information is needed to determine the reallocation of the proposed \$100,000.

The contracted services budget proposed to be reduced support three contracts. One with the Milwaukee Police department, one with Milwaukee Christian Center, Inc. (“MCC”) and one with Running Rebels Community Organization (“Running Rebels”). The contracted services budget was already reduced by \$205,145 in the fiscal year 2019–2020 (FY20) proposed budget. The proposed reduction of another \$100,000 would bring the total reduction to \$305,145 from this budget line.

The intergovernmental agreement with the Milwaukee Police Department to provide twelve school resource officers (SRO) for MPS with contract terms for the current year from 08/01/2018 – 06/12/2019 at a cost of \$478,142. SROs interact regularly with school administration, youth advisors, school safety assistants, and the safety director to discuss school related concerns and resolutions. The SRO program offers consistency by the same group of police officers addressing school matters. These contracts support our schools in strengthening safe learning environments. This agreement has been continued yearly since 2007.

Contracted services also are used for a contract with MCC (\$865,128) and Running Rebels (\$1,207,500) to provide violence reduction program services. Each contract runs from 08/01/2018 – 07/31/2019 with the possibility of two one-year extensions upon mutual consent. They provide up to 60 youth advisors in 12 MPS schools, mostly high schools. MCC provides 25 youth advisors and Running Rebels provides 35 youth advisors.

The violence reduction program is unique in that it utilizes the experiences and talents of young adults from the same backgrounds as the students. These young adults, called youth advisors, work with the school staff and members of the school community to reduce school violence, defuse incidents, and resolve conflict to enhance a positive learning environment.

The goals of the violence reduction program are (1) to decrease incidents of disruption and violence, (2) to increase student attendance, and (3) to decrease suspensions due to disruptive behavior. The advisors and agencies have experience and have proven positive outcomes in assisting youth to cultivate healthy alternatives to anti-social lifestyles, gang activity and any activity that is counter-productive to achieving successful educational outcomes. Services provided by the youth advisors include:

1. Mentoring at-risk students by building relationships with them.

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2. Supporting students to manage conflict in a positive manner.
3. Presenting positive role models to the students.

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