



Chatham County, NC

Legislation Text

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Vote on a request to accept \$115,000 COVID-19 School Health Liaison Funds

Action Requested: Vote on a request to accept \$115,000 COVID-19 School Health Liaison Funds

Introduction & Background: Public health and education are necessary partners for safe and healthy schools. Successful testing programs with the appropriate response to test results are enhanced by close collaborative working relationships between schools and local health authorities. Efforts should be taken to foster, grow and maintain the tie between public health and education to support COVID testing and response programs

and other activities that improve population and individual health for students and school staff.

Funding from the ELC award will support staff positions that encourage continuity of existing COVID-related activities, maintain the health department's integral role in screening testing, build upon the work already begun, and ensure a holistic assessment and monitoring of disease burden within any given community.

Discussion & Analysis: This Agreement Addendum provides temporary funding for the Local Health Department to create Local Health Department Public Health School Health Liaisons for the coordination of COVID-19 screening, testing, and vaccine administration efforts, and to coordinate other school health/public health services as described in the Memorandum of Agreements referenced in the Attachment A, Paragraph B of the Agreement Addendum for FY22 351 Child Health.

How does this relate to the Comprehensive Plan: Supports comprehensive plans goals: to "Provide equitable access to high-quality education, housing and community options for all" and "Foster a healthy community."

Budgetary Impact: No local funding requested.

Recommendation: Vote on a request to accept \$115,000 COVID-19 School Health Liaison Funds