Teacher Student Support Plan Parent Input March 13, 2020

I love having something to read with my child. I love how it’s something new each day.

The additional one on one time is beneficial for all students

I am a huge believer in baggie books. I have seen how they have helped my children excel in reading. We have attended other schools in the district and the teachers cannot get new books each day. We get a new book once a week. I have also seen first hand how valuable one on one time is for my kids, both those that excel far above grade level and those that struggle in certain areas. Kindergarten aids are an absolute necessity. Our class sizes are large and the range of children coming in (some can read and some don’t know their letters) makes it difficult for one adult to manage close to 30 students. The interventionist have been wonderful. I fully support spending SCC money in this area.

I am always grateful for the extra support that each of these employees give to our students. I love the baggie books, because when it comes to reading...if it comes from the school it is homework and not just a parent nagging them to read. I think what you decided to do with the money was a great decision.

I think the interventionists are dedicated and hardworking professionals who are doing a great service to our teachers and children. I have heard positive things about the success they have in helping our children achieve and excel in school. I support continuing to provide interventionists as resources in our schools.

I think spending the money on interventionists and kindergarten aides is great but I have one concern. From what I have seen the interventionist are only working with kids that need extra help which is great, but I feel like kids that understand concepts in class should also have time in small groups. Maybe some of the interventionists can pull small groups of kids and work on extending what is being taught in class. 10 interventionists is a lot and I feel like it would be great for all kids to work with them instead of just kids that might need extra help.

I think the baggie books are great for kids and helps with reading and comprehension! I believe the interventionists are a great asset to the school and it helps the teachers out as well.

I am in the classroom during the time when the reading specialist comes to help with small group. I think it is a valuable use of time for the students!! I would agree with the use of spending money if these additional teacher aids and reading specialists. It is a critical age to have as many in the classroom helping.

I think 1st grade is a very important grade for these aides. I believe they can make a huge difference.

I think this feels very invasive to have interventionists. I don’t support it.

So many Moms volunteer to help teachers especially in kindergarten, and first grade with reading group, or changing baggies books. Better to spend the Money on either field trips, or bringing a new technology program that can enhance kids' skill.

Muy bien

I think class sizes need to be smaller, specially in the younger grades. If class sizes can't be smaller, the aides needs to be shared to help classes with larger student to teacher ratios not just K. Teachers are overwhelmed and the kids aren't able to get the help they need with large classes and only one adult.

They have helped students improve academically and behaviorally. The students are excited to work with them.

Don't have knowledge of this.

Your school is one of the few that implements baggie books for students. The schools in our District that do have the baggie books program have the highest reading performance overall. You are continuously ranked very high for overall academic performance and this is not only due to the teachers but also the support that they receive. The supplemental support that allows teachers (who are the most qualified to intervene with their students) is proving to be the way of the future for our District. You have a wonderful Principal with an incredible Coach that puts students first. The aides at your school are a fantastic group of folks that work very hard in assisting our teachers and students each and every day. They should be celebrated!

Our kids loved the baggie books. I think the small group support is very beneficial.

Very helpful for my 1st grader.

They are amazing! The work they do really benefits the students!

Small group support provides opportunities for kids to work on level, and baggie books provides a structured nightly reading program. Both very important. Would love to have the baggie books take a step further and enact a reading comprehension program (AR quiz, or similar) that would incentivize nightly reading and comprehension quizzes to earn points and awards.

Anything that is effectively keeping kids from falling behind is a good use of the money.

I think any time you can have a better student to adult ratio in a school, learning is improved. Kids thrive in smaller groups- the smaller the better. I think having the interventionists work one on one with struggling kids is also very beneficial. I’ve seen the growth that can happen with this one on one work.

Since I have a son who has always struggled with reading, I couldn’t think of a better place to use this money!

I believe the reading interventionists are fabulous, as for the kindergarten aides...I feel like the money would be better used towards aides for a lower grade that has the highest class numbers. For an example, if kindergarten has 17 kids per class and 3rd has 27 students. 3rd should get the priority of the extra support.

While I think this survey was informative, I am not sure how useful it is. Is there another alternative use for this money? How have other schools used the money? Ultimately I trust your judgement as the best use of the money, but if you are asking for feedback, I would have liked to have more options.

I think the baggie books are such a good way to reinforce reading in our home. I’m grateful for the interventionists and the work they do to make this program a success.

Rather than having kindergarten aides, please look at class/grade size. The kindergarten classes this year are small but first grade is huge and I know my first grade class could have really used an aide this year. We love the Baggie Books and love having that program. But classroom aides should go to the biggest classes.

It’s provides much needed support to the teachers with such young kids. Kindergarten aged kids need a lot of one on one time.

Very helpful to the classroom reading and books programs.

I think the teachers and students would benefit greatly from these aids.

My answer of yes should be qualified, as I don't know what other considerations there are for the money. I'm almost always in favor of additional help in classrooms, but the question is asked in a way that definitely is leading, which will bias the results. Consequently, I would caution you in making any decision solely based on the results of this survey. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Mike Neyman 801-556-8954. Thank you!

I haven’t seen anything. I do love the progress my son has made in first grade reading.

I don't have first hand knowledge of either one, but I thought the baggie books were a great way for our kids to increase the amount of time they spent reading (kind of wish baggie books would continue through 5th grade). I think reading interventionists and kindergarten aides would be a great use of the money.

I see improvement with the kids we work with! I also think the baggie books make a big difference and are a help for parents to have books for their kids to read on their level.

We see significant changes in the students we work with on a daily basis. I see a lot of change in the students reading ability who consistently take home baggie books.