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To: Dr. Jauch and Members of the Board of Education
From: Terry Sofianos, Director of Pupil Services
RE: Projected Numbers for English Learner Program, 2017-2018

During the past few months, projections for student participation in the English Learner (EL) program have been closely monitored due to a yearly trend of increase.

According to ISBE guidelines, as relayed to our district through our principal consultant, caseloads for EL teachers should reflect approximately 90% of a typical class size. According to the May 2017 Enrollment Report, the average class size at Avoca is 21. The caseload amount should be 19 students per EL teacher, according to this 90% guideline.

Data compiled late last month shows that 92 students are currently **projected** to receive EL services in the district. 81 of the students will be in attendance at Avoca West, and 11 will be at Marie Murphy. EL numbers cannot be finalized, however, until the beginning of the school year.

The projections take into account students with confirmed eligibility whose parents have signed consent forms for EL services, as well as students who are eligible whose parents have not yet provided consent, but are expected to do so based on the fact that they provided consent for services last year.

If the projection holds true, using the guidance from the ISBE, 92 total students divided by 19 students per teacher results in a need for 4.8 EL teachers. At present, we have 4.0 FTE assigned to EL for next year. At this time, it is the recommendation of the administration that the district hire an additional 0.75 FTE to address the increase in EL student enrollment.

2017-18 Projected EL Numbers

AW Projections 2017-18				
Grade	Confirmed	Expecting Confirmation (received services in 16-17)	Projected Total to Service: Confirmed + Expecting	Eligible for Services, but Previously Declined
K	5	~11 to Screen: ~5 will qualify	±10	
1	14	11	25	1
2	4	5	9	1
3	7	11	18	5
4	4	8	12	0
5	4	3	7	0
Total	38	43	81	

MM Projections 2017-18				
Grade	Confirmed	Expecting Confirmation (received services in 16-17)	Projected Total to Service: Confirmed + Expecting	Eligible for Services, but Previously Declined
6	3	2	5	1
7	1	3	4	1
8	0	2	2	-
Total	4	7	11	2

	2015-16	2016-17	*2017-18
Avoca West	49	75	81
Marie Murphy	6	9	11
Total	55	84	92

*2017-18 projected EL numbers