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**ACTION ITEM**

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>Mental Health Counselor Grant</b>
<b>RATIONALE</b>	<p>I am requesting permission to apply for continued support from the Allegheny Foundation for the Comprehensive School-Based Mental Health Initiative. This grant is a joint request from Covington City Schools and Allegheny County Public Schools. The Mental Health Counselor provides many services to both school systems. While not exhaustive, responsibilities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordinating a comprehensive mental health program;</li> <li>• Evaluate and assess suicide safety;</li> <li>• Develop and conduct individual and group therapy groups;</li> <li>• Consult with and coordinate with both internal and external resources;</li> <li>• Provide training to staff;</li> <li>• Serve as an advocate for the mental health needs of children;</li> <li>• Monitor and support children and families in need;</li> <li>• Evaluate program effectiveness;</li> <li>• Offer classroom support and training;</li> <li>• Collaborate with agencies to provide families access to critical assistance; and</li> <li>• Conduct mental health screenings and referrals.</li> </ul>
<b>ESTIMATED COSTS</b>	\$220,172.00
<b>BUDGET CATEGORY</b>	
<b>LEGAL REFERENCE</b>	
<b>STAFF CONTACTS</b>	Jan Hobbs, Director of Assessment and Accountability
<b>SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION</b>	Recommended