

Executive Summary: Barber National Institute (BNI) Contract

Proposal:

The Special Education Department proposed the continued work with the support of the BOD with the Barber National Institute (BNI) Contract. The contract has been reviewed by our solicitor.

Actions to Date:

The Special Education Department requests that we continue to utilize the BNI through consultation and services to support our autistic support programs. The Special Education Department successfully worked closely with the BNI for the past four school years. We continue to build the autism program as we have successfully offered services that were previously sought at the BNI facility in Erie. We strive to build this program to meet the unique needs of the autistic support students through the BNI Behavioral Specialist – autism, autism consultation services, observations of the BNI classes, autism/curriculum/sensory integration specialist, Discrete Trial training, and other services. We have worked with them to provide additional services through their behavior specialist on a weekly basis.

BNI has provided some services to these students in the past. We have outlined these services via the attached contract.

Financial Implications:

The money for this mentor position was set aside in the original budget provided to the Board for the IDEA stimulus monies.

Recommendation:

That the Board of School Directors approves the Barber National Institute (BNI) program contract.