**Response to questions about Gifted Support Pilot Program**

**June 30, 2014**

1. Could a nurse be scheduled at the LEC during the week?

*It is possible that a nurse could cover routine required screenings using coverage in our schools by our current MAA and nursing staff. If medication would be required, the nursing schedule would need to be adjusted to address that need.*

1. Transportation

*Friday transportation costs are $10,000. In 2013 – 2014, this money was budgeted to accommodate activities for our gifted students in grades 9 – 12 on Fridays. It was not used in 2013 – 2014 so it was removed from the 2014 – 2015 budget.*

1. Length of day and Act 80 days

*Because students to ride the bus to and from their home school and transfer to the LEC bus, the LEC bus does not arrive at the LEC until 8:20 a.m. and departs at 2:20 p.m. If the students do not have a recess break, they would receive 5.5 hours of instruction x 176 days or 968 hours per year. If they have a 15 minute recess, they would receive 929 hours of instruction. Students also have approximately 20 minutes back at their home school each day. 20 minutes x 176 days is 58.6 hours. A minimum number of 900 hours per year is required for an elementary student.*

1. Future Costs

*This is a pilot program and cost for future years will be calculated and shared with the board to determine continuation of the program.*

1. Additional Space

*The Gifted Support teachers have assured us that additional space will not be needed for the pilot program*