



Memorandum

To: Human Resources Department

From: Jake Kuhnline, Director of Student Services

CC: Darrell Yater, Superintendent; Northwest Local School District Board of Education

Re: Increase in Stipends for KISR! Liaisons

Date: October 16, 2024

This memo is to request a stipend increase from \$1200 to \$1500 for all KISR! Liaisons in the 2024-2025 school year and beyond.

Kids in School Rule! (KISR!) is a program to promote improved education outcomes for children in Hamilton County JFS custody who attend Northwest Local Schools. This collaboration seeks to boost education outcomes for KISR! Students by:

- Increasing school stability
- Improving academy achievement
- Improving communication & coordination among systems
- Reducing disruptions & removals from school for discipline or other reasons

KISR! Liaisons serve an important role in meeting the needs of students in Hamilton County JFS custody. We are requesting this stipend increase for the following reasons:

- The number of students in KISR! Program has increased dramatically in recent years, with 109 students at NWLSD in Hamilton County JFS Custody as of 10/16/2024
- Funding for liaisons is provided by XYZ and has been increased for the 2024-2025 school year and beyond
- These funds can only be used for the KISR! Program and cannot be used for other needs of the district