



Alternative Education in QCSD

Proposal - 4/23/18



Agenda

- Background
- Obstacles to Student Success
- Proposal
- Staffing Recommendation
- Costs/Opportunities
- Additional considerations
- Questions



Background

- Ability to program for all students
- End of agreement with current AEDY partner
- Number of outplaced students
- Increased referrals for behaviors (specifically at the HS)
- Truancy remains a concern
- Need for transitional programming for students coming back from placements
- Retaining students who would otherwise drop out



Obstacles to success

- Truancy
- School connection
- Off track to graduate
- Behavioral concerns
- Repeated violations of school rules
- Drug and Alcohol violations
- Mental Health concerns
- School anxiety/avoidance



Proposal

- District run Alternative Learning Academy
 - Housed in available DSC location
 - Half-day program
 - Most students could still attend Upper Bucks Tech
 - Flexibility in student placement
 - Transitional approach to returning to SHS
 - Meets the needs of a variety of student profiles



Staffing Recommendations

Staff member	Approximate Cost	Notes
TOSA	\$85,000	This is already in the budget; provides one long-term sub spot
Reg Ed Teacher	\$120,000	This could save one furlough
Spec Ed Teacher	\$120,000	This could save one furlough
School Counselor	\$120,000	This could save one furlough
Nurse	\$20,000	This could save .5 furlough (Potential to save 1.0 if the district can cover the cost of .5 to service non-public schools)
Curriculum (50 seats)	\$100,000	Will change depending on number of seats purchased (\$2,000 per seat)
	\$565,000	



Costs/Opportunities

- Estimated cost for staff and curriculum for 50 students - \$565,000
 - Money budgeted for UBOA - \$385,000
 - Money budgeted for FFP - \$144,000
 - Remaining cost - \$36,000
- Opportunities to offset costs
 - “Seat” purchase by neighboring districts (approx revenue \$15,000 per student)
 - Return students from costlier placements
 - Retain students who may leave for other placements



Additional considerations

- Technology
 - Repurpose existing chromebook cart
 - Purchase desktop computers when budget allows
- Furniture
 - Purchase furniture from current lease tenant
 - Repurpose furniture from other buildings
 - Purchase as necessary
- Physical Space
 - Overall in good condition
 - Replace sections of carpet
 - Thorough cleaning and paint
 - Build additional partitions to better utilize space when budget allows



Questions?