

DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL SERVICES
Township of Union Public Schools
M-E-M-O-R-A-N-D-U-M

TO: Dr. Gerald Benaquista

C: Marissa McKenzie, Dr. Jose Rodrigues, Yolanda Koon, Bernadette Watson,
Diane Cappiello, Suan Lam

FROM: Kim Conti

RE: Board Agenda

DATE: 5/13/2026

Approve to amend the resolution approved on May 20, 2025 for MUJC, to provide related services in accordance with student’s IEPs for the 2025-2026 school year, not to exceed \$640,000 (an increase of \$255,000). (A/C# 11-000-216-320-01-19/7043)

Rationale

May 2025, when these services were board approved for the 2025-2026 school year, the budgeted amount of \$400,000 appeared reasonable based on prior year expenditures and current pending student placements.

However, due to subsequent IEP determinations and OOD placements, we currently have six (6) students receiving a full-time aide, an increase of three (3 1/2), from the prior year. Therefore, the district need for these services has more than doubled.

<u>2024-25</u>		\$162,386.0	
	Aides:	0	(2 F-T Aides and 1 Shared Aide - Not full year)
	OT, PT, Speech & Counseling:	\$51,449.00	(Various students & Services)
		\$213,835.0	
		0	Actual Paid
<u>2025-26</u>		\$532,364.0	
	Aides:	0	(6 F-T Aides - full year)
	OT, PT, Speech & Counseling:	\$108,887.0	(Various students & Services)
		\$641,251.0	
		0	Estimated through Y/E
		\$427,416.0	Total Estimated Increase in YTD Expense

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