

**SUBJECT:** WALK ON – Additional Special Day Class Staff – Forest Grove Elementary School

**PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE:** Buck Roggeman, Forest Grove Principal  
Clare Davies, Director of Student Services

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

The District Administration recommends that the Board hire a teacher and an instructional aide to staff a third Special Day Class at Forest Grove to address an influx of students including high need students with moderate disabilities.

**BACKGROUND:**

Forest Grove Elementary School currently has two special day classes to serve the needs of students with mild to moderate disabilities. Each of the classes is staffed with a teacher and one special education instructional aide. There are also aides contracted through Central Coast Kids and Families to support the classroom when a student's individual education program requires one. The program averaged 8.5 students per class in 2016-17 and averaged 8.0 students per class in 2015-16. By Monday, September 11, 2017, the program will average 13.0 students per class.

**INFORMATION:**

The special day class program at Forest Grove has experienced an influx of students with mild to moderate disabilities that require a small group instructional setting to meet their unique educational needs. The overall number of students and the number of students with moderate disabilities has increased, creating a situation where current staffing is no longer sufficient to create the small group setting needed to serve these students. We are requesting an additional special day class teacher and a special education aide who will staff another class that will be located at Forest Grove. We will move an existing program from its current room to provide the needed space. We believe that this increase in growth and consequent need will exist for the foreseeable future.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Hiring a teacher and an instructional will cost approximately \$150,000.