



Douglas Public Schools

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School Committee Agenda Item Summary

Date: July 21, 2021
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Reviewed By: Paul Vieira, Superintendent of Schools *✓*
Subject: FY 2022 - Appointment of School Physician (Contractual Services)

Background

M.G.L. Chapter 71, Section 53 requires a School Committee to appoint a School Physician. Dr. Siraco has served as the district's school physician for a number of years.

Discussion/Analysis

The following services are provided by this contract:

- a. Consultation on the development of policies pertinent to the health and safety of the school, e.g. emergency care plan, first aid program, bee sting protocol, HIV/Aids protocol, environmental safety, athletic safety, Automatic External Defibrillators (AED's) protocol.
- b. Collaborate with the School Nurses, school administrators, and other pertinent school personnel, as well as the Department of Public Health, to develop and implement a program of immunization against communicable diseases and control of other infectious illnesses, e.g. blood borne illnesses, parasitic diseases, and tuberculosis; assists in developing policies on the exclusion and readmission of students based upon the aforementioned conditions.
- c. Consultation regarding medication administration, including non-prescription medications.
- d. Review and approve standing medical orders for emergency medications.
- e. Oversee the purchase of supplies that requires a medical doctor's license.
- f. Consults with the School Nurses on an as-needed basis.
- g. Consults with school administrators and other school personnel as needed.

Financial Impact

The fee is \$3,500 per fiscal year.

Recommendation

If the School Committee is in agreement, the following motion is recommended for approval:

MOVE to approve Dr. Elizabeth T. Siraco as the School Physician for FY 2022 pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 71, Section 53.

Attachments

Contract for School Physician

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