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QUESTION:

The Seneca Valley Cluster's testimony includes a request for additional Math A instructors. What criteria are used for allocating these positions? What is the cost of one position?

BUDGET PAGE REFERENCE: NA

ANSWER:

Staffing is allocated to elementary schools based on student enrollment and no additional staff is allocated for Math A. Providing certified mathematics teachers to students who are enrolled in advanced mathematics courses is a challenge that is faced by many elementary schools across Montgomery County. Each elementary school has been asked to make sure they have teachers on staff who are capable of teaching Math A and Math B. Some elementary schools have done this through filling vacancies with such teachers, and some have done it through teacher training. Some schools that do not have a qualified teacher have arranged to send students to a nearby middle school for math. If sending students to a middle school has not been possible, the Office of School Performance has allocated sufficient staffing to the school to enable a certified middle school math teacher to come to the elementary school to teach the class. This usually requires a 0.2 allocation at the cost of \$11,619.

Follow-up contact with Lake Seneca Elementary School indicated a miscommunication between the school and the cluster coordinator regarding this testimony. Lake Seneca Elementary School is looking for a Math A instructor for its summer program. Lake Seneca Elementary School has appropriate staffing for its Math A students during the regular school year.