

Agenda Item:	V F: Action Item
Date:	July 11, 2024
To:	Magnolia Educational & Research Foundation dba Magnolia Public Schools (“MPS”) Board of Directors (the “Board”)
From:	Alfredo Rubalcava, CEO & Superintendent
Staff Lead(s):	Zekeriya Ocel, Principal at Magnolia Science Academy-3
RE:	Approval of MSA-3 College Counselor position for 2024-25

**1. Action Proposed:**

I move that the Board approve Magnolia Science Academy-3 College Counselor as a full-time position for the 2024-2025 School Year.

**2. Purpose:**

To address the growing demand for college counseling, this change will enable the MSA-3 to hire a dedicated college counselor.

**3. Background:**

- In the 2023-2024 school year, MSA-3 had a part-time college counselor, but this counselor is now returning to teaching.
- MSA-3 achieved the highest college-going rate (77.3%) in the class of 2021, according to CDE Dataquest.
- The demand for dual enrollment is significant, and through our partnership with LA Harbor College, MSA-3 offers college classes starting as early as 6th grade. Managing dual enrollment applications and follow-ups necessitates a full-time dedicated individual to handle these responsibilities effectively..

**4. Analysis:**

MSA-3 currently has 110 completed enrollment packets, compared to 83 completed packets by July 19 last year. This nearly 30% increase in completed packets, along with a significantly higher retention rate, demonstrates strong growth and stability. Our enrollment has increased from 379 students in the 2022-2023 school year to 389 students in the 2023-2024 school year, with a goal of 405 students for the upcoming school year. To accommodate this increased enrollment, we are planning to enhance our support for students, particularly in the area of college counseling.

**5. Impact:**

This change will ensure that we can effectively address all crucial aspects of college counseling, which is integral to our school’s success.

**6. Budget Implications:**

There will be a \$90,000 plus benefits budget implication for this additional position. We are requesting to use our reserve funds to cover this one-time urgent need.



7. **Exhibits:**

N/A