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Mr. James Prather,

The administration, on behalf of the Norridge School District 80 Board of Education, will need clarification and commitment from the Executive Board on allowing Norridge School District 80 (NSD 80) access to Leyden Area Special Education Cooperative (LASEC) *Enger* program through an intergovernmental agreement.

As previously discussed, Norridge School District 80 is willing to develop such an agreement that contains the following parameters:

1. Provide students the greatest degree of access with nondisabled students, while providing flexibility to LASEC for currently enrolled students,
2. Allow NSD 80 to *grandfather* all of our students who are currently in the *Enger* program to reside in the program until they are promoted from eighth grade or before their fifteenth birthday,
3. Allow the Director of LASEC and NSD 80 administration to access student records in accordance with the Illinois Students Records Act (ISRA) and Family Education Rights Protection Act (FERPA) for currently enrolled students,
4. Implement a tuition-based structure not to exceed one hundred ten percent (110%) of the applicable *Enger* program actual tuition cost as prescribed in Illinois School Code and rules of the Illinois State Board of Education for our currently enrolled students as non-members, and
5. Allow NSD 80 to collect Medicaid fee for service on behalf of currently enrolled students.

That said, the NSD 80 requests the Executive Committee place an **action** item on the agenda for Tuesday, March 13, 2018, at the regularly scheduled time with the following motion for action:

*I move to accept for consideration an **amendment to the LASEC by-laws to institute the above noted intergovernmental agreement with Norridge School District Number 80 as a non-member of the Cooperative commencing on July 1, 2018, subject to a final by-law document to be presented to the LASEC Committee of the Whole.***

Our goal, at all times, is to provide the best possible services and outcomes for our students. We believe that you share that interest. I am available to discuss this issue upon request and in greater detail with the Executive Board and all voting members.

Sincerely,



Dr. Paul O'Malley

cc: Dr. McGuffin