

**64. How will the Connect Program be implemented if cut from the budget?**

The Connect Program in each of the four high schools was structured to support struggling new 9<sup>th</sup> graders and, in some cases, repeat 9<sup>th</sup> graders as well. This was additional allocation provided to the schools and these students were also counted in the building allocation determinations.

Memorial has elected to support a modified program out of building allocation and is using .4 FTE.

Please add the attached Follow-Up to

**Tab 64 – Connect Program**



## ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS

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### FOLLOW UP TO TAB 64 – Connect Program

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**TO:** Board of Education  
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**RE:** Connect Programs  
 6.8 Reduction

Additional allocation from the Director of Alternative Programs office was provided to the four comprehensive high schools to support struggling and second year 9<sup>th</sup> graders who were "At-Risk" of academic failure.

Memorial	1.6	FTE
West	2.0	FTE
LaFollette	1.2	FTE
East	2.0	FTE

Each high school used the allocation to create a program model. Schools used a case management model, provided specific courses and added to general course offering. Some of the schools added allocation and support services time. Identification of students varied for first year struggling 9<sup>th</sup> graders to second year 9<sup>th</sup> graders only.

Approximately 150 students were served through-out the course of the school year in some capacity.

The comprehensive high schools will continue to use school based resources to support these students. Additional allocation will not be provided from the Director of Alternative Programs.

Each high school is responding to the decrease of this additional allocation in different ways. In general, each school will continue some level of service to support "At Risk" students.

#### Memorial

The Connect teacher has been hired in the Science Department. Of her time, .40 will be allocated for a Guided Study center to support "At Risk" students and following up with students who were in the Connect program this year. Students that were previously served in the Connect program will be in general classes.

**LaFollette**

The Connect teacher was hired in the English Department at LaFollette. He will still work with "At Risk" students and continue to have access to PLATO ports.

**West**

West is still working on a plan. All of the students previously served will be in general classes.

**East**

East is setting up a resource class to support Math and Language Arts. Students previously served by the Connect Program will be scheduled in general classes with specific teachers. Support staff will monitor progress through building team referrals and the truancy process.