



## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

**FROM:** Erika Lautenbach, Director

**RE:** Meridian School District – Behavioral Health Services Contract

**DATE:** May 29, 2020

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Attached is a contract between Whatcom County and Meridian School District for your review and signature.

- **Background and Purpose**

This contract provides funding for behavioral health services within the Meridian School District to promote a greater ability for academic success for students who are challenged with mental health and substance use problems. This is a new contract, as the current contract will meet its maximum number of allowable renewals at the end of the current term; however, these services have been in place through contracts with Whatcom County and each of the Whatcom County school districts since 2012. Each district requires their individual school board's approval and Council review of each of these contracts may occur on different dates.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

The source of funding for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$108,000, is the Behavioral Health Program Fund. These funds are included in the 2020 budget. Council approval is required per RCW 39.34.030(2) for agreements between public agencies.

Please contact Kathleen Roy at extension #6007 if you have any questions regarding this agreement.

Encl.

