

GLASSBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT

Monthly Board Items

Date Submitted: 09/08/2015

Proposed Effective Date: September 2015

Short description (title): To continue the Dog Therapy Program that was implement last year at the Bowe School

Submitted by: Wanda Pichardo

Building: Bowe

**Proposed
cost/amount:** 125.00

**Funded
through:** MD Account

**Grade(s)
impacted
if any:** 4-6

Board Action Requested:

To continue the Dog Therapy Program for Cheryl Tartaglione's classroom. The dog will visit the class weekly during one of their independent reading blocks. Cost to the district is \$125.00, which is a fee that is required from PAWS that helps to cover the cost of running the program, insurance etc.

Details and ramifications:

To implement a Canine-Assisted Reading Program for the students in a self-contained 4th grade class. Several research articles provide data on the benefits of using therapy dogs with children who have reading disabilities.

Positives:

The benefits of this program include increased fluency, increased motivation to read, engagement for reluctant readers and making reading fun.

Concerns:

None – the parents have been contacted and signed permission slips.

Other Comments:

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Board Date: _____

Approved: Y or N

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