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Santa Rosa District School Board  
6032 Highway 90  
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Dear School Board Members,

I find it necessary to respectfully request \$770,000.00 to be able to cover the expected expenditure for our contracted services and salary Purchase Orders. This would include our Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapist, Speech and Language Therapist and Orientation and Mobility Therapist.

Unfortunately, this is an annual request that is made due to the shortage in direct hires and the increase of eligible ESE students that require these services as indicated in their Individual Education Plans. Since August 27, 2018, Santa Rosa County has experienced an increase of 330 ESE students as of January 7, 2019.

I've included a spreadsheet that indicates what has been paid, what is currently encumbered and how much is projected to be paid, from IDEA as well as from the District budget.

We are striving to ensure that every Medicaid billable service is captured and recovered. We have trained all of our therapists and eligible para professionals to assist the district in recouping funds based on allowable provisions of services.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely;

*Debbie S. Anderson*

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