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**Joint Statement**

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During the 2014/2015 school year, the District and the Temecula Valley Educators Association (TVEA) explored the possibility of providing Elementary Case Management time for Special Education teachers. As part of this process, the District and TVEA established a joint Elementary Case Management Committee, which formulated their recommendations to the negotiations teams in March. Ultimately, we found common understanding on two key issues. First, the District's Elementary Special Education teachers have been impacted by increasing instructional demands and the District's continued emphasis on overall IEP compliance. Second, implementing a universal cost neutral solution for such a diverse group of teachers/programs would be extremely difficult.

For the reasons outlined above, throughout the remainder of the 2015/2016 school year all elementary school sites will work towards the goal of providing our elementary Special Education teachers with forty-five (45) minutes of weekly Case Management time. Sites will explore cost neutral options that are uniquely tailored to their schedule/staffing to attempt to achieve this goal. Both the negotiations teams and Elementary Case Management Committee will monitor the efforts of the sites in hopes of devising a District-wide solution.

Understanding that our collective efforts in implementing this weekly Case Management time will directly benefit our most needy student populations, we are committed to this proactive approach.

  
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