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**From:** Anthony Favry <afavry@ledyard.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 18, 2024 9:44 PM  
**To:** Jay Hartling  
**Cc:** BoE Members; Naomi Rodriguez; Town Council Group  
**Subject:** Re: GFS/JWL mental health counselor

Good Evening Jay,

Thank you for your email and for the information provided. I appreciate you investing the time looking into options because this has been an area of interest for the Board, and it is unfortunate the State has not allocated additional funds to continue this valuable program.

I am copying the Board on this thread for their awareness, as well as Town Council given that the review and decision would be in their purview.

**Chairman Rodriguez & Town Councilor's:** On behalf of the Board, I would encourage you to please review and consider approving the appropriation of the ARPA monies that were allocated for mental health services in our community. There is incredible value and impact here for our students and our community. We appreciate your support and collaboration in advance. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please let us know.

Thank You,  
Anthony Favry  
Chairman, Board of Education

On Thu, Jul 18, 2024 at 2:28 PM Jay Hartling <[jhartling@ledyard.net](mailto:jhartling@ledyard.net)> wrote:  
Anthony,

Last evening, the town Council Finance Committee Was discussing ARPA funding. There was some confusion about the funds they put aside for mental health support. I think I was able to clarify and provide some additional information to support their discussion.

Right now, the town has a contractor who is willing to work with secondary students, but is not able to support elementary students. Contractor is not utilizing the full level of funding that they've set aside for mental health. Hearing the concerns raised by TC I Spent some time last night brainstorming some potential ideas.

In a conversation this morning with Mayor Fred, I laid out a potential plan for TC. The mayor seemed very supportive of this approach, but ultimately, I believe it is a decision to be made by TC. Fred asked me to follow up with the provider. As you can see from the email thread below, they were very enthusiastic about this potential opportunity. As I briefed, the board prior, CFA did not receive funding for GFS/JWL, mental health, so this would fill in that gap that was left open by the lapse in State funding.

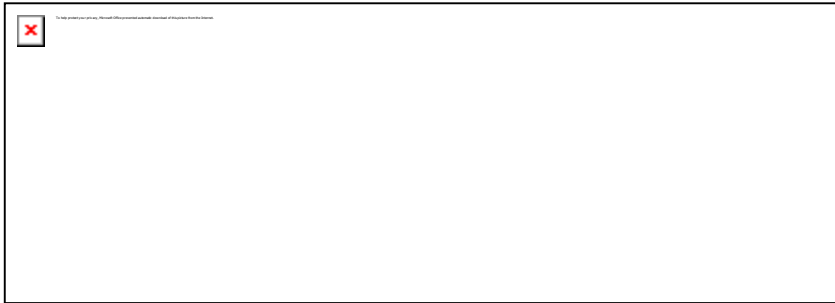
To be clear, this would not be Board funds, but TC ARPA monies that were allocated for mental health in our community, but have not been spent and do not have a plan for being spent.

I want Board to be fully aware of the suggestion I made as it could benefit the children we serve.

Jason S. Hartling

Superintendent  
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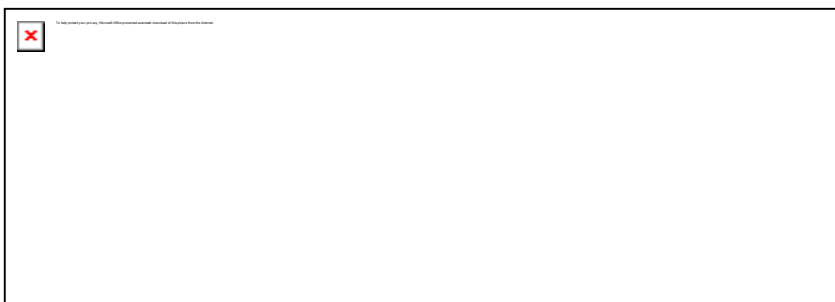
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From: **Jay Hartling** <[jhartling@ledyard.net](mailto:jhartling@ledyard.net)>  
Date: Thu, Jul 18, 2024 at 11:35 AM  
Subject: Fwd: GFS/JWL mental health counselor  
To: Fred Allyn III III <[mayor@ledyardct.org](mailto:mayor@ledyardct.org)>

\$90k what's the next steps and how can I assist?

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From: **Erin Saylor** <[SaylorE@childandfamilyagency.org](mailto:SaylorE@childandfamilyagency.org)>

Date: Thu, Jul 18, 2024 at 11:15 AM

Subject: Re: GFS/JWL mental health counselor

To: Jay Hartling <[jhartling@ledyard.net](mailto:jhartling@ledyard.net)>

This is very exciting news! Yes, we can absolutely contract with the town. The cost for salary, fringe and benefits of a licensed clinician is \$90,885. I'm so excited there's a possibility that we'll be able to fully serve the GFS/JWL community!

Best,  
Erin

**Erin Saylor, LCSW (she/her/hers)**  
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From: Jay Hartling <[jhartling@ledyard.net](mailto:jhartling@ledyard.net)>

Sent: Thursday, July 18, 2024 9:58 AM

To: Erin Saylor <[SaylorE@childandfamilyagency.org](mailto:SaylorE@childandfamilyagency.org)>

Subject: GFS/JWL mental health counselor

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Erin,

So in continued efforts to figure out how to fund the counselor at GFS JWL I've been having some conversations with the town. Would CFA be able to bill the town of Ledyard for the mental health position at GFS JWL for this year? They have some ARPA money that could potentially used for this purpose.

Jay

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