



**NORTH CAROLINA**  
State Board of Education  
Department of Public Instruction

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# Report to the North Carolina General Assembly

Increased School Mental Health Support for  
Hurricane Helene

*Session Law 2024-53*

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**Date Due: March 15, 2025**  
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# LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENT

## INCREASED SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

SECTION 4A.8.(a) Definitions. – The following definitions apply in this section:

- 1) Community partner. – A public or private entity, including a nonprofit corporation or a local management entity/managed care organization (LME/MCO), that partners with a public school unit to provide services or pay for the provision of services for the unit.
- 2) Eligible public school unit. – A public school unit located in an affected area that qualifies for FEMA Individual and Public Assistance Categories A-G.
- 3) Mental health services. – Any services, including assessment, diagnosis, treatment, or counseling, offered in an individual, family, or group setting for the maintenance or enhancement of mental health or the treatment of mental or substance use disorders.
- 4) Telehealth. – The application of telecommunication technology to deliver mental health services remotely.

SECTION 4A.8.(b) Increased Mental Health Funding. – Of the funds appropriated in this act from the Helene Fund to the Department of Public Instruction, the sum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) in nonrecurring funds shall be used to provide increased mental health services to students, families, and school personnel in eligible public school units to assist with the recovery process, trauma care, and reintegration into academic life following the impacts of Hurricane Helene. The Department shall determine the amount to be allocated to each eligible public school unit by allocating each eligible public school unit an initial amount of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) and then distributing the remaining funds on the basis of allotted average daily membership.

SECTION 4A.8.(c) Use of Funds. – Eligible public school units may use funds allocated pursuant to this section to provide students access to mental health services through any of the following:

- 1) Contracting with community partners to provide or pay for mental health services.
- 2) Hiring or contracting for the services of school health personnel, as defined in G.S. 115C-316.2.
- 3) Hiring or contracting for the services of licensed mental health professionals not currently employed by a public school unit or identified in G.S. 115C-316.2.

SECTION 4A.8.(d) Provision of Services. – The mental health services contracted or paid for pursuant to this section may be provided in person or via telehealth. Eligible public school units shall ensure they comply with Article 7B of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes, including the consent and notice requirements of G.S. 115C-76.45, when services are provided to students pursuant to this section.

SECTION 4A.8.(e) Report. – No later than March 15, 2025, the Department of Public Instruction shall report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee on the amount of funds received by each eligible public school unit and a description of how the funds were used.

## **DATA COLLECTION METHOD**

This report was completed using the Monthly Financial Report, which every public school unit is required to submit. Data is current as of December 30, 2024. Mental health expenditures were recorded in the Hurricane Relief and Recovery allotment (PRC 230).

## Mental Health Report from PRC 0230 - Hurricane Helene

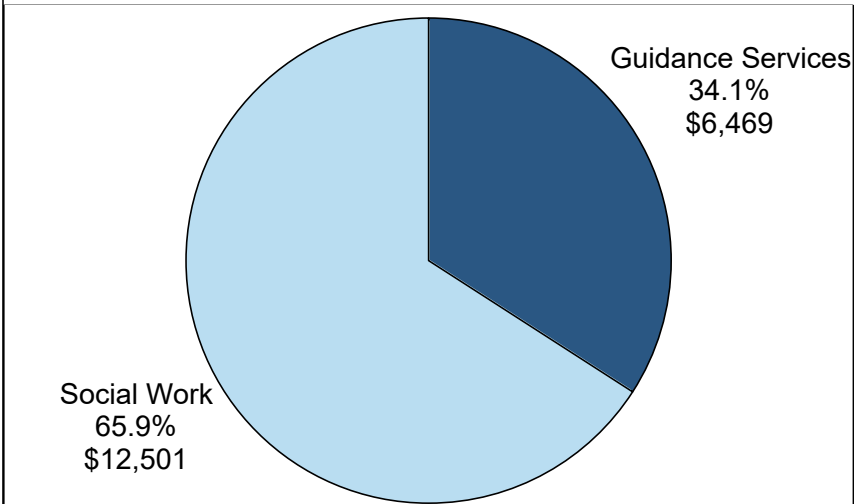
### PRC230 Totals

PURPOSE	Allotment	Total YTD EXP	Remaining Balance
Grand Total	\$5,000,000	\$18,969	\$4,981,031

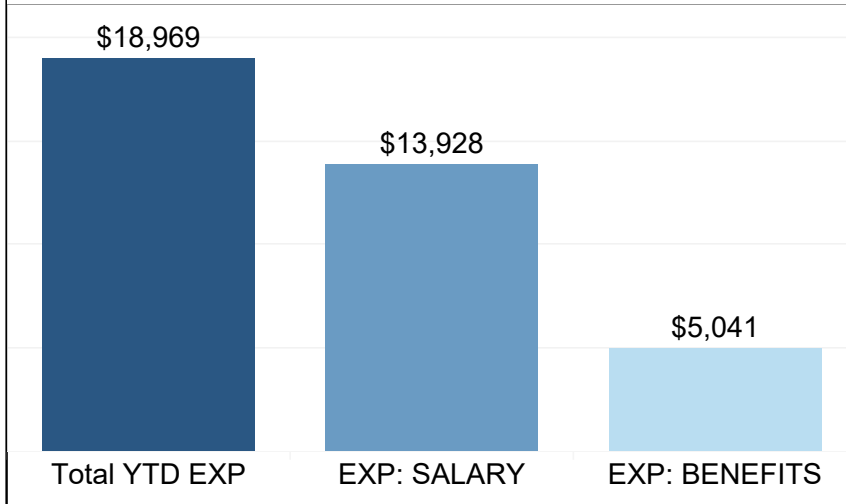
### PRC230 by Purpose and Object

PURPOSE	EXP: BENEFITS	EXP: SALARY	Total YTD EXP
Grand Total	\$5,041	\$13,928	\$18,969
Guidance Services	\$2,046	\$4,422	\$6,469
Social Work	\$2,995	\$9,506	\$12,501

### PRC230 % Spent by Purpose



### PRC230 \$ Spent by Object



\*Data as of December 30th, 2024

PRC230 Report by PSU

Data as of December 30th

PSU Number	PSU Name	PURPOSE	Allotment	EXP: BENEFI..	EXP: SALARY	Total YTD EXP	Remaining Ba..
Grand Total			\$5,000,000	\$5,041	\$13,928	\$18,969	\$4,981,031
06B00	Marjorie Williams Academy	No Expenditures	\$31,655	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$31,655
11A00	Evergreen Community Charter	No Expenditures	\$36,648	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$36,648
11B00	ArtSpace Charter	No Expenditures	\$36,223	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$36,223
11C00	Invest Collegiate - Imagine	No Expenditures	\$48,458	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$48,458
11D00	The Franklin School of Innovation	No Expenditures	\$40,762	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$40,762
11F00	Asheville PEAK Academy	No Expenditures	\$32,565	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$32,565
11K00	Francine Delany New School	No Expenditures	\$32,930	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$32,930
11L00	Mountain City Public Montessori	No Expenditures	\$31,548	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$31,548
12A00	The New Dimensions School	No Expenditures	\$38,470	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$38,470
14B00	Oak Hill Charter School	No Expenditures	\$33,188	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$33,188
23A00	Pinnacle Classical Academy	No Expenditures	\$47,638	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$47,638
36B00	Piedmont Community Charter	No Expenditures	\$59,478	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$59,478
36C00	Mountain Island Charter	No Expenditures	\$56,548	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$56,548
36G00	Community Public Charter	No Expenditures	\$41,536	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$41,536
44A00	Shining Rock Classical Academy	No Expenditures	\$39,608	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$39,608
45A00	The Mountain Community Sch	No Expenditures	\$32,990	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$32,990
45B00	FernLeaf Community Charter Sch..	No Expenditures	\$40,155	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$40,155
50A00	Summit Charter	No Expenditures	\$34,569	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$34,569

PRC230 Report by PSU

Data as of December 30th

PSU Number	PSU Name	PURPOSE	Allotment	EXP: BENEFI..	EXP: SALARY	Total YTD EXP	Remaining Ba..
50Z00	Catamount School	No Expenditures	\$30,911	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$30,911
55A00	Lincoln Charter School	No Expenditures	\$64,502	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$64,502
55B00	West Lake Preparatory Academy	No Expenditures	\$35,449	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$35,449
81A00	Thomas Jefferson Classical Acade..	No Expenditures	\$51,752	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$51,752
81B00	Lake Lure Classical Academy	No Expenditures	\$36,861	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$36,861
87A00	Mountain Discovery Charter School	No Expenditures	\$32,930	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$32,930
88A00	Brevard Academy	No Expenditures	\$36,345	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$36,345
95A00	Two Rivers Community School	No Expenditures	\$32,505	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$32,505
02000	Alexander County Schools	No Expenditures	\$95,027	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$95,027
03000	Alleghany County Schools	No Expenditures	\$50,310	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50,310
05000	Ashe County Schools	No Expenditures	\$70,012	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$70,012
06000	Avery County Schools	No Expenditures	\$56,837	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$56,837
11000	Buncombe County Schools	No Expenditures	\$364,943	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$364,943
11100	Asheville City Schools	No Expenditures	\$89,199	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$89,199
12000	Burke County Schools	No Expenditures	\$201,509	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$201,509
14000	Caldwell County Schools	No Expenditures	\$188,076	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$188,076
18000	Catawba County Schools	No Expenditures	\$267,584	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$267,584
18100	Hickory City Schools	No Expenditures	\$86,178	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$86,178
18200	Newton Conover City Schools	No Expenditures	\$69,602	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$69,602

PRC230 Report by PSU

Data as of December 30th

PSU Number	PSU Name	PURPOSE	Allotment	EXP: BENEFI..	EXP: SALARY	Total YTD EXP	Remaining Ba..
22000	Clay County Schools	No Expenditures	\$48,701	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$48,701
23000	Cleveland County Schools	No Expenditures	\$242,963	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$242,963
29700	NC School for the Deaf	No Expenditures	\$30,911	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$30,911
36000	Gaston County Schools	No Expenditures	\$484,282	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$484,282
44000	Haywood County Schools	No Expenditures	\$128,467	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$128,467
45000	Henderson County Schools	No Expenditures	\$221,971	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$221,971
50000	Jackson County Public Schools	No Expenditures	\$81,973	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$81,973
55000	Lincoln County Schools	No Expenditures	\$203,467	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$203,467
56000	Macon County Schools	No Expenditures	\$97,046	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$97,046
57000	Madison County Schools	Social Work	\$62,362	\$2,995	\$9,506	\$12,501	\$49,861
59000	McDowell County Schools	No Expenditures	\$113,015	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$113,015
61000	Mitchell County Schools	No Expenditures	\$55,987	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$55,987
75000	Polk County Schools	No Expenditures	\$60,996	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$60,996
81000	Rutherford County Schools	No Expenditures	\$138,850	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$138,850
87000	Swain County Schools	No Expenditures	\$57,535	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$57,535
88000	Transylvania County Schools	No Expenditures	\$78,877	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$78,877
95000	Watauga County Schools	No Expenditures	\$100,553	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100,553
97000	Wilkes County Schools	No Expenditures	\$155,805	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$155,805
99500	Yancey County Schools	Guidance Services	\$60,738	\$2,046	\$4,422	\$6,469	\$54,269