Monroe SD 1J - 1898 - Annual Questions

	Question	Response
1	There are clear impacts from the reduction in SIA funding and from the direct efforts to respond to COVID-19. While you can't fully set those aside, what is important for your community, including focal student groups, families, and educators, to understand about your SIA implementation efforts during the 2020-21 school year and the positive impacts that have occurred? How were you able to make progress towards the goals and outcomes you were aiming at with SIA funding and processes? (500 words or less)	Given severely limited student contact, we chose to focus our SIA efforts on campus security in preparation for students returning in the fall of 2021, as well as student engagement in extra-curricular activities and family communication through the use of the Blackboard system. In the fall of 2021, we will be focusing our efforts on student connection and care.
2	What barriers, impediments, or challenges to your SIA implementation have you faced or identified that are helpful for your community and/or state leaders to be aware of? (500 words or less)	Other than a year of distance learning and trying to support staff and student technical needs, teaching and learning needs, and mental health needs, the only barrier we've run into (in a limited sense) is the general shortage of certified staff. We felt very fortunate to find the Success Coaches/Counselors back in the spring and only hired the Life Skills teacher in October. We feel very lucky to have them at all given the situation currently.
3	SIA implementation includes ongoing engagement with focal students, the families of focal students, and educators. What successes and challenges, if any, have you experienced in maintaining engagement? (500 words or less)	During COVID, we found the Blackboard communication tool to be very helpful in connected us with our students and families. It serves as an efficient and effective tool for getting information out as well as having the ability to function as a survey tool. As a small district, we are in constant communication with our students, families and stakeholders.
4	Please share your professional assessment of what guided your choices and prioritization efforts in the first year of SIA implementation? What stands out? Anything important or surprising to report back or reflect on? How were key decisions on scaled down implementation made? What impacts, if any, are helpful to name in how you navigated through the last year, specifically as it relates to SIA implementation? (500 words or less)	Monroe School District chose to prioritize student safety and campus security during the first year of SIA funding. This allowed us to insure that our campuses were safe and our communication systems were operating efficiently when our students were able to return to school.
5	URL of webpage where your annual report is posted:	www.monroe.k12.or.us
6	Please attach a copy of the Board Minutes to this line using the paperclip icon to the left.	Minutes added