## **Continuation of Summary Explanation and Background**

For additional support to these high need schools, the Student Services Department developed the Connect for Success Model of practice, pairing school social workers with a ReServist, a retired professional working through ReServe Elder Service, Inc. to mentor identified students. The goals of the initiative are to increase the student's average daily attendance, help each student feel connected to school, decrease behavioral infractions, and to improve academic performance as measured by grades and tests scores. By achieving these goals, students will be more likely to successfully complete current level, transition to the next, and ultimately graduate from high school.