

Middle School Guidance Counselor Proposal

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to all of you. My name is Michele Palko and I am the interim Guidance Counselor at Wildwood Middle High School. I recently moved here from Pennsylvania, where I worked in education my entire career. The plan was to retire, but I continually felt the pull to return to school and help children...felt like I had more to give. I am so glad that this journey took me to Wildwood Middle High School.

In saying that, my professional opinion is that the Middle School students here could benefit from building their self-esteem. I would love to accumulate some books for my counseling library that the students can access. There are 10 books that I would purchase if given this grant. They include: *Giraffes Can't Dance*, *Stand Tall*, *Molly Lou Melon*, *Chrysanthemum*, *I'm Gonna Like Me: Letting off a Little Self-Esteem*, *The Invisible Boy*, *Spoon*, *Spaghetti in a Hot Dog Bun*, *Have you Filled your Bucket Today*, *Smile*, and *Wonder*.

The cost of the ten books is \$155.74 from Barnes and Noble.

This would be the start of hopefully a beautiful collection of materials for the students. If I was given \$500, I would apply all of it to the purchase of

these books and start gathering a series of anger management books, organizational skills books, and books that deal with anxiety and depression. All Middle School students would benefit from the purchase of these self-help books.

I thank you for taking the time to read my proposal and for providing funds to the Wildcats. I look forward to hearing from you soon.