

**LVEA Executive Board Official Statement of Concern  
High School Counselors  
May 13, 2019**

The LVEA Executive Board members want to go on record stating that they feel continuing with six counselors on site is the best model instead of reducing to five. The American School Counselor Association recommends a Counselor ratio of 250:1 and we will continue to advocate that moving toward this model is in the best interest of students.

If the district needs additional administrators to be able to keep up with administrative responsibilities, that should not come at the expense of certificated positions (Counselors, Teachers, etc.). We always hope that district administration has looked at every possible way to maintain budget efficiency before cutting certificated positions that provide direct support and services to students. Furthermore, the characterization that Counselors and LVEA support the plan to reduce Counselors on site, thereby increasing caseloads, is inaccurate.

Our students and teachers are best served and supported by maintaining the current effective staffing of six counselors at each high school site. While we are opposed to increasing the counselors' case load, we strongly suggest that the student and parent community be notified of any changes by Memorial Day weekend so our counselors can provide an alpha-cut to students and parents in order to minimize confusion and maintain transparency.