## Appendix C: Human Resources

As discussed in the report, personnel costs represent nearly 72 percent of the District's spending. Because of this, we conduct several analyses relating to the expense associated with maintaining existing staffing levels. During the course of our analysis we routinely exclude staff that are designated as Title 1 or Special Education as a result of specific rules relating to funding of these individuals.

District-wide Staffing with Exclusions


We excluded approximately 80 FTE District employees from our analysis because they are considered Special Education or Title 1 employees. This represents nearly 22 percent of all TCSD staff.

All non-excluded staff were then compared on a district-wide level to primary peer staffing levels. Staffing was analyzed using the District and peer district Education Management Information System (EMIS) reports. Data reliability testing for the District's EMIS data was performed by comparing the EMIS report to payroll reports corresponding to the time of the report. Variances between EMIS and payroll were discussed with the District, with adjustments made as necessary. Adjustments were also made to the peer EMIS data in order to account for coding variations among TCSD and the peers. Following testing, the EMIS data was considered reliable for use.

The following tables reflect our analysis for all EMIS staffing categories which were used during the course of this audit. Those categories where TCSD employed more staff than the primary peer averages are discussed in Recommendation 2 and Recommendation 3.

## Staffing Comparison Tables

Central Office Administrator Staff Comparison

| Students | Talawanda |  | Primary Peer Avg. | Difference |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Students Educated |  | 2,889 | 2,764 |  | 125 |
| Students Educated (Thousands) |  | 2.889 | 2.764 |  | 0.125 |
|  | Talawanda |  | Primary Peer Avg. | Difference |  |
| Position | FTEs | FTEs per 1,000 Students | FTEs per 1,000 Students | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { FTE Per } \\ 1,000 \\ \text { Students } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Total Above/(Below) |
| Assistant, Deputy/Associate Superintendent | 0 | 0 | 0.25 | -0.25 | -0.72 |
| Supervisor/Manager | 0 | 0 | 0.4 | -0.4 | -1.16 |
| Coordinator | 2 | 0.69 | 0.57 | 0.12 | 0.35 |
| Education Administrative Specialist | 0 | 0 | 0.04 | -0.04 | -0.12 |
| Director | 5 | 1.73 | 0.57 | 1.16 | 3.35 |
| Building Manager | 0 | 0 | 0.04 | -0.04 | -0.12 |
| Other Official/Administrative | 0 | 0 | 0.11 | -0.11 | -0.32 |
| Total | 7 | 2.42 | 1.98 | 0.44 | 1.27 |

## Building Administrator Staff Comparison

|  | Talawanda | Primary Peer <br> Avg. | Difference |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Students Educated | 2,889 | 2,764 | 125 |
| Students Educated (Thousands) | 2.889 | 2.764 | 0.125 |
| Buildings | 5 | 4.9 | 0.1 |


|  | Talawanda |  | Primary Peer Avg. | Difference |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Position | FTEs | $\begin{aligned} & \text { FTEs per } \\ & 1,000 \\ & \text { Students } \end{aligned}$ | FTEs per 1,000 Students | FTEs per 1,000 Students | Total <br> Above/(Below) |
| Assistant Principal | 3 | 1.04 | 0.9 | 0.14 | 0.4 |
| Principal | 5 | 1.73 | 1.63 | 0.1 | 0.29 |
| Total | 8 | 2.77 | 2.53 | 0.24 | 0.69 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Talawanda |  | Primary Peer Avg. | Difference |  |
| Position | FTEs | FTEs per Building | FTEs per Building | FTEs per Building | Total Above/(Below) |
| Assistant Principal | 3 | 0.6 | 0.51 | 0.09 | 0.45 |
| Principal | 5 | 1 | 0.92 | 0.08 | 0.4 |
| Total | 8 | 1.6 | 1.43 | 0.17 | 0.85 |

Teaching Sta ff Comparison

| Students | Talawanda | Primary <br> Peer Avg. | Difference |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Students Educated | 2,889 | 2,764 | 125 |
| Students Educated (thousands) | 2.889 | 2.764 | 0.125 |


|  | Talawanda |  | Primary <br> Peer Avg. | Difference |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Position | FTEs | FTEs per 1,000 Students | FTEs per 1,000 <br> Students | $\begin{array}{c\|} \hline \text { FTEs per } \\ 1,000 \\ \text { Students } \end{array}$ | Total Above/ (Below) |
| General Education | 140.15 | 48.51 | 44.55 | 3.96 | 11.44 |
| Gifted and Talented | 3 | 1.04 | 0.53 | 0.51 | 1.47 |
| Career-Technical Programs/Career Pathways | 1 | 0.35 | 0.8 | -0.45 | -1.3 |
| LEP Instructional Program | 0 | 0 | 0.06 | -0.06 | -0.17 |

## K-8 Tea ching Staff Compa rison



Non-Teaching Educational Staff Comparison


## Professional Staff Compa rison

| Students | Talawanda |  | Primary Peer Avg. | Difference |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Students Educated |  | 2,889 | 2,764 |  | 125 |
| Students Educated (thousands) |  | 2.889 | 2.764 |  | 0.125 |
|  | Talawanda |  | Primary <br> Peer Avg. | Difference |  |
| Position | FTEs | FTEs per <br> 1,000 <br> Students | FTEs per <br> 1,000 <br> Students | FTEs per <br> 1,000 <br> Students | Total Above/(Below) |
| Dietitian/Nutritionist | 0 | 0 | 0.04 | -0.04 | -0.12 |
| Psychologist | 3 | 1.04 | 0.45 | 0.59 | 1.7 |
| Publicity Relations | 1 | 0.35 | 0.14 | 0.21 | 0.61 |
| Social Work | 3 | 1.04 | 0.06 | 0.98 | 2.83 |

Technical Staff Comparison


Central Office Support Staff Compa rison

| Students and Buildings | Talawanda |  | Primary Peer Avg. | Difference |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Students Educated |  | 2,889 | 2,764 |  | 125 |
| Students Educated (thousands) |  | 2.889 | 2.764 |  | 0.125 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Talawanda |  | Primary <br> Peer Avg. | Difference |  |
| Position | FTEs | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \text { FTEs per } \\ 1,000 \\ \text { Students } \end{array}$ | FTEs per 1,000 Students | $\begin{array}{c\|} \hline \text { FTEs per } \\ 1,000 \\ \text { Students } \end{array}$ | Total Above/(Below) |
| Administrative Assistant | 0 | 0 | 0.04 | -0.04 | -0.12 |
| Accounting | 2 | 0.69 | 0.11 | 0.58 | 1.68 |
| Bookkeeping | 0 | 0 | 0.36 | -0.36 | -1.04 |
| Central Office Clerical | 4 | 1.38 | 1.58 | -0.2 | -0.58 |
| Records Managing | 0 | 0 | 0.07 | -0.07 | -0.2 |
| Telephone Operator | 0 | 0 | 0.07 | -0.07 | -0.2 |
| Other Office/Clerical | 0 | 0 | 0.18 | -0.18 | -0.52 |
| Total | 6 | 2.07 | 2.41 | -0.34 | -0.98 |

## Library Staff Comparison

| Students | Talawanda | Primary <br> Peer Avg. | Difference |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Students Educated | 2,889 | 2,764 | 125 |
| Students Educated (thousands) | 2.889 | 2.764 | 0.125 |


|  | Talawanda |  | Primary <br> Peer Avg. | Difference |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Position | FTEs | FTEs per <br> $\mathbf{1 , 0 0 0}$ <br> Students | FTEs per <br> $\mathbf{1 , 0 0 0}$ <br> Students | FTEs per <br> $\mathbf{1 , 0 0 0}$ <br> Students | Total <br> Above/(Below) |
| Librarian/Media | 1 | 0.35 | 0.47 | -0.12 | -0.35 |
| Library Aide | 5.71 | 1.98 | 0.98 | 1 | 2.89 |
| Total | $\mathbf{6 . 7 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 . 3 3}$ | $\mathbf{1 . 4 5}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 8 8}$ | $\mathbf{2 . 5 4}$ |

Nursing Sta ff C ompa rison


Classroom Sup port Staff Compa rison

| Students | Talawanda | Primary <br> Peer Avg. | Difference |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Students Educated | 2,889 | 2,764 |  |
| Students Educated (thousands) | 2.889 | 2.764 | 0.125 |


|  | Talawanda |  | Primary <br> Peer Avg. | Difference |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Position | FTEs | FTEs per <br> $\mathbf{1 , 0 0 0}$ <br> Students | FTEs per <br> $\mathbf{1 , 0 0 0}$ <br> Students | FTEs per <br> $\mathbf{1 , 0 0 0}$ <br> Students | Total <br> Above/(Below) |
| Instructional Paraprofessional | 0 | 0 | 0.27 | -0.27 | -0.78 |
| Teaching Aide | 10.98 | 3.8 | 3.39 | 0.41 | 1.18 |
| Total | $\mathbf{1 0 . 9 8}$ | $\mathbf{3 . 8}$ | $\mathbf{3 . 6 6}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 1 4}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 4}$ |

## Other Support Staff Compa rison

| Students | Talawanda | Primary <br> Peer Avg. | Difference |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
| Students Educated | 2,889 | 2,764 | 125 |  |
| Students Educated (thousands) | 2.889 | 2.764 | 0.125 |  |


|  | Talawanda |  | Primary <br> Peer Avg. | Difference |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Position | FTEs | FTEs per 1,000 <br> Students | FTEs per 1,000 <br> Students | FTEs per 1,000 <br> Students | Total Above/(Below) |
| Attendance Officer | 0 | 0 | 0.04 | -0.04 | -0.12 |
| Guard/Watchman | 0 | 0 | 0.04 | -0.04 | -0.12 |
| Monitoring | 8.44 | 2.92 | 1.42 | 1.5 | 4.33 |

Other Clerical Staff Comparison


Extra Curic ular/Intra Curic ular Staff Comparison

| Students | Talawanda |  | Primary <br> Peer Avg. | Difference |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Students Educated |  | 2,889 | 2,764 |  | 125 |
| Students Educated (thousands) |  | 2.889 | 2.764 |  | 0.125 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Talawanda |  | Primary <br> Peer Avg. | Difference |  |
| Position | FTEs | FTEs per 1,000 Students | FTEs per 1,000 Students | FTEs per 1,000 Students | Total Above/(Below) |
| Coaching | 0 | 0 | 0.13 | -0.13 | -0.38 |
| Other Extra/Intra - Curricular Activities | 0 | 0 | 0.11 | -0.11 | -0.32 |

## Building Office Support Staff Comparison



In each of the tables above, the staffing levels within each position code were compared to peer groups based on the number of staff per 1,000 students. This ratio was used to determine if the District could eliminate positions in order to reduce staffing to peer levels.

In addition to comparing staffing levels we also review actual salary data and compare the District's compensation schedules to those of local peers. We review both the average annual salary for employees and the expected total compensation for a 30 year career. These comparisons are divided into two sections based on collective bargaining agreements. The following tables show the salary comparisons for both classified and certificated employees.

## Salary Comparison Tables

Certificated Career Comparison Table

|  | TCSD | Local Peer <br> Average | Difference | \% Difference |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Bachelors | $\$ 1,834,720$ | $\$ 1,736,784$ | $\$ 97,936$ | $5.6 \%$ |
| BA+15 | $\$ 1,920,205$ | $\$ 1,758,616$ | $\$ 161,589$ | $9.2 \%$ |
| BA+150 | $\$ 1,993,595$ | $\$ 1,902,960$ | $\$ 90,635$ | $4.8 \%$ |
| Masters | $\$ 2,122,540$ | $\$ 1,991,295$ | $\$ 131,245$ | $6.6 \%$ |
| MA+15 | $\$ 2,171,740$ | $\$ 2,053,872$ | $\$ 117,868$ | $5.7 \%$ |
| MA+30 | $\$ 2,220,940$ | $\$ 2,095,560$ | $\$ 125,380$ | $6.0 \%$ |

Certific ated Annual Salary Comparison Table

|  | Client | Peer Average | \$ Difference | \% Difference | \# of Employees | Annual Impact |
| :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Bachelors | $\$ 61,157$ | $\$ 57,893$ | $\$ 3,265$ | $5.60 \%$ | $\mathbf{9}$ | $\mathbf{\$ 2 9 , 3 8 1}$ |
| BA+15 | $\$ 64,007$ | $\$ 58,621$ | $\$ 5,386$ | $9.20 \%$ | $\mathbf{2}$ | $\mathbf{\$ 1 0 , 7 7 3}$ |
| BA+150 | $\$ 66,453$ | $\$ 63,432$ | $\$ 3,021$ | $4.80 \%$ | $\mathbf{5 7}$ | $\mathbf{\$ 1 7 2 , 2 0 6}$ |
| Masters | $\$ 70,751$ | $\$ 66,377$ | $\$ 4,375$ | $6.60 \%$ | $\mathbf{7 7}$ | $\mathbf{\$ 3 3 6 , 8 6 2}$ |
| MA+15 | $\$ 72,391$ | $\$ 68,462$ | $\$ 3,929$ | $5.70 \%$ | $\mathbf{3 3}$ | $\mathbf{\$ 1 2 9 , 6 5 4}$ |
| MA+30 | $\$ 74,031$ | $\$ 69,852$ | $\$ 4,179$ | $6.00 \%$ | $\mathbf{5 1}$ | $\mathbf{\$ 2 1 3 , 1 4 6}$ |
| Total |  |  |  |  | $\mathbf{2 2 9}$ | $\mathbf{\$ 8 9 2 , 0 2 1}$ |

Classified Career Compensation Comparison

|  | TCSD | Local Peer <br> Average | Difference | \% Difference |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Secretary | $\$ 1,009,073$ | $\$ 1,006,162$ | $\$ 2,912$ | $0.3 \%$ |
| Maintenance | $\$ 1,358,859$ | $\$ 1,275,596$ | $\$ 83,263$ | $6.5 \%$ |
| Bldg Custodian | $\$ 1,088,753$ | $\$ 1,185,011$ | $(\$ 96,258)$ | $(8.1 \%)$ |
| FS Worker | $\$ 692,456$ | $\$ 676,569$ | $\$ 15,887$ | $2.3 \%$ |

Classified Hourly Wage Comparison

|  | Secretary | Maintenance | Bldg Custodian | FS Worker |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Client | $\$ 18.44$ | $\$ 21.86$ | $\$ 17.52$ | $\$ 15.51$ |
| Peer Average | $\$ 18.39$ | $\$ 20.52$ | $\$ 19.06$ | $\$ 15.16$ |
| \$ Difference | $\$ 0.05$ | $\$ 1.34$ | $(\$ 1.55)$ | $\$ 0.36$ |

We also looked at the average annual salary over the course of a career for all certificated and classified employees. The charts which follow show how the average annual salary compares to peer districts.

## Certificated Annual Salary Comparison:

Sala ries: Bachelor's


Salaries: $B A+150$


Sala nies: $\mathrm{BA}+15$


Sala nies: Master's


Sala ries: MA +15


## Classified Hourly Rate Comparison:

Sala ries: Secretary


Salaries: Food Service Worker


Sala ries: MA +30


Sala ries: Maintenance



Lastly, we reviewed CBAs for key provisions and found that the District's provisions are generally in line with those of the primary peers and state minimum requirements. Insurance is reviewed based on regional information from the State Employee Relations Board (SERB), and TCSD falls under the Cincinnati region. The District offers two medical insurance plans to employees, a high deductible plan and a PPO plan. In both cases, the District's cost for both plans was lower than the Cincinnati regional averages for certified and classified employee groups.

## Medical Insurance Comparisons to Regional Average

Medical- PPO

|  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Single | TCSD | SERB Avg. | Difference |
| Total Monthly Premium | $\$ 569.00$ | $\$ 638.75$ | $(\$ 69.75)$ |
| Employer Share | $\$ 469.42$ | $\$ 540.83$ | $\mathbf{( \$ 7 1 . 4 1 )}$ |
| Employee Share | $\$ 99.58$ | $\$ 97.92$ | $\$ 1.66$ |
| Family | $\$ 1,465.00$ | $\$ 1,613.51$ | $\mathbf{( \$ 1 4 8 . 5 1 )}$ |
| Total Monthly Premium | $\mathbf{\$ 1 , 2 0 8 . 6 2}$ | $\mathbf{\$ 1 , 3 5 4 . 9 4}$ | $\mathbf{( \$ 1 4 6 . 3 2 )}$ |
| Employer Share | $\$ 256.38$ | $\$ 258.56$ | $\mathbf{( \$ 2 . 1 8 )}$ |

Medic al- HDHP

|  | TCSD | SERB Avg. | Difference |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Single | $\$ 500.00$ | $\$ 531.38$ | $\mathbf{( \$ 3 1 . 3 8 )}$ |
| Total Monthly Premium | $\$ 412.50$ | $\$ 455.76$ | $\mathbf{( \$ 4 3 . 2 6 )}$ |
| Employer Share | $\$ 87.50$ | $\$ 75.61$ | $\$ 11.89$ |
| Employee Share | $\$ 1,290.02$ | $\$ 1,386.96$ | $\mathbf{( \$ 9 6 . 9 4 )}$ |
| Family | $\mathbf{\$ 1 , 0 6 4 . 2 6}$ | $\mathbf{\$ 1 , 1 6 8 . 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{( \$ 1 0 3 . 7 4 )}$ |
| Total Monthly Premium | $\$ 225.76$ | $\$ 218.96$ | $\$ 6.80$ |
| Employer Share |  |  |  |

We reviewed the cost of dental insurance and found that the premium plan offered to employees has a higher cost for the District when compared to the regional average. This analysis is discussed in Recommendation 5.

Dental Insurance Comparisons to Regional Averages
Dental- Certified "Premium" Plan
$\left.\begin{array}{|l|r|r|r|r|r|r|}\hline & \text { TCSD } & \begin{array}{c}\text { SERB } \\ \text { Avg. }\end{array} & \text { Difference }\end{array} \begin{array}{c}\text { Number of } \\ \text { Participants }\end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c}\text { Monthly } \\ \text { Significance }\end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c}\text { Annual } \\ \text { Significance }\end{array}\right]$

| Family |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Total Monthly <br> Premium | 0 | $\$ 92.61$ | $\$ 20.39$ | 112 | $\$ 2,283.75$ | $\$ 27,405.04$ |
| Employer Share | $\mathbf{\$ 9 6 . 0 5}$ | $\mathbf{\$ 7 8 . 5 1}$ | $\mathbf{\$ 1 7 . 5 4}$ | $\mathbf{1 1 2}$ | $\mathbf{\$ 1 , 9 6 4 . 4 8}$ | $\mathbf{\$ 2 3 , 5 7 3 . 7 6}$ |
| Employee Share | $\$ 16.95$ | $\$ 14.10$ | $\$ 2.85$ | 112 | $\$ 319.27$ | $\$ 3,831.28$ |

Dental- Classified "Premium" Pla n

|  | TCSD | SERB <br> Avg. | Difference | Number of Participants | Monthly Significance | Annual Significance |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Single |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Monthly Premium | \$48.00 | \$35.45 | \$12.55 | 27 | \$338.82 | \$4,065.84 |
| Employer Share | \$48.00 | \$32.17 | \$15.83 | 27 | \$427.32 | \$5,127.84 |
| Employee Share | \$0.00 | \$3.28 | (\$3.28) | 27 | (\$88.50) | (\$1,062.00) |
| Family |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Monthly Premium | \$113.00 | \$91.30 | \$21.70 | 78 | \$1,692.95 | \$20,315.45 |
| Employer Share | \$113.00 | \$86.16 | \$26.84 | 78 | \$2,093.24 | \$25,118.84 |
| Employee Share | \$0.00 | \$5.13 | (\$5.13) | 78 | (\$400.28) | $(\$ 4,803.38)$ |

