**Student Liaisons and support specialists/Interpreters and Agency Contacts 2023-2024**

**Student Support Specialists/Cultural Navigators 23-24**

Beatrice Kay -Student Support Staff (MCRC) - student liaison

Student Support Specialist/Cultural Navigator (25 hrs./week)

Languages: Swahili, French, Lingala

Erie High School

If in need of interpreter/translator, contact student support specialist first before going to caseworkers at area agencies.

Interpreters are for speaking/dialogue support.

Translator/translation is specific to written text/documents.

ESD has service agreements for these specialists.

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Suraya Alizada- Student Support Staff (MCRC) – student liaison

Student Support Specialist/Cultural Navigator (25 hrs./week)

Languages: Dari, Pashto

Erie High School

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Gopal Basnet- Student Support Staff (MCRC) student liaison

Student Support Specialist/Cultural Navigator (30 hrs./week)

Languages: Nepali, Hindi (Bhutanese)

Erie High School

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Gissell Moreno- teacher assistant Zain Machaal- (USCRI- based out of ESD schools)

Language: Spanish Student support specialist/Cultural Navigator (25 hrs./week)

Erie HS- Mon, Tue, Wed Language: Arabic

East MS- Thur, Fri Erie HS- Mon, Wed, Fri

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814-651-2526 McKinley- Thur

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814-572-2162

Abdul Qader Zaman (USCRI – based out of East M.S.)

Student support specialist/Cultural Navigator (30 hrs./week)

Languages: Pashto and Dari, Farsi

East Middle School

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(Contact these agencies/people below if languages are not available through district student support specialists.)

Khadga Gurung (MCRC) Maria Tolley (MCRC)

Languages: Nepali Language Services: Arabic, Nepali, Spanish, Ukrainian

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Tisha Ryden (USCRI)

Program Coordinator, Education

Languages: Somali, Mai-Mai, Pashto, Dari, Farsi, Nepali, Arabic, Bosnian, Serbo-Croatian, Ukrainian, Russian, Karen, Burmese, Malaysian, Swahili, Kinyarwanda, Kirundi, Amharic, French, Spanish, Mandarin

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