River View Local School District Student Wellness and Success Plan

Introduction

The Department of Education has introduced Future Forward Ohio, encompassing the state's priorities and strategies to address academic recovery and promote student success. Student wellness is one of the strategic priorities of Future Forward Ohio. Using Future Forwards guiding principles, Ohio's schools can succeed by meeting the needs of the Whole Child – the physical, social, emotional, and intellectual aspects of the child's well-being. Each year, many schools have three separate funding streams available to provide student wellness activities. Those three funding sources included: Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid, Base Cost Student Wellness and Success Component, and remaining funds from Student Wellness and Success distributed during prior fiscal years.

District Goal

Our Goal with this fund is to increase student wellness by utilizing our School Nurse, Wellness Teacher, School Resource Officer, and School Counselors to support the whole child needs of our students. This aligns with the District's Strategic Plan and goals concerning student life.

Identified Gaps in Services or Resources

The District identified a need to add more support for our district wide nurse and added a part-time nurse during the school year to assist with assessments and meet the needs of students at the elementary school. The District has continued to utilize a district wide nurse and part-time nurse to meet the needs of our students.

Description of Initiatives

Initiative 1: Health and Wellness Mentor

The district employs a Health and Wellness Mentor to respond to the ever growing social/emotional needs of our students. This position specifically targets students at the High School in grades 7 through 12. This person teaches a chosen curriculum that targets areas such as decision making, mental health guidance, assistance in the community, and contacts with service organizations and mentorships.

Initiative 2: Salary for School Nurses

The district employs one full-time nurse, who primarily serves the Intermediate and High School buildings (grades 3 through 12), and a part-time nurse, who is housed at the Elementary School building (grades Pre-K through 2). The nurses provide clinical assessments of students, offer clinical nursing care, secure and administer student medications, maintenance and review student healthcare records, monitor immunization compliance, and provide healthcare education to students and staff.

Initiative 3: Guidance and Mental Health Services

The district provides a guidance counselor for grades K through 8 to assist and support the students with concerns and problems of a mental, physical, and/or academic nature. They assist as a student mentor, act as a liaison with multiple county and health services, and work with the district's homeless liaison. The guidance counselor also refers students to the mental health services provider that is contracted by the district.