



PORT TOWNSEND

School District

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Social Emotional Learning Report Memorandum

Date: May 6, 2021
 To: Port Townsend School Board Directors
 From: Sandy Gessner, Superintendent
 Re: Social Emotional Learning in Port Townsend School District

Review

Port Townsend School District Strategic Plan highlights a Culture of Wellness: Support active, healthy lifestyles for students and staff through an excellent food service program and through the development of programs and infrastructure that encourages physical activity and outdoor experiences in multiple arenas. *Promote social-emotional and positive behavior to ensure a safe, supportive culture and climate for all learners.*

Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) is broadly understood as a process through which individuals build awareness and skills in managing emotions, setting goals, establishing relationships, and making responsible decisions that support success in school and in life. Social and emotional development must be considered as a part of overall instruction at each grade level involving all school staff members in the effort. As of January 1, 2020, OSPI adopted SEL standards: [OSPI Social Emotional Learning Standards](#)

Current Status

Social Emotional Learning is a key component for promoting social-emotional and positive behavior to ensure a safe, supportive culture and climate for all learners. In our school district, our staff are engaged in the following work to support all students' social and emotional health while creating inclusive learning environments where ALL students feel safe and supported.

School	Universal Supports Tier 1: ALL Students	For Some Tier 2	For a Few Tier 3
Salish Coast Elementary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Positive Behavior Support System <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Eagle Tickets ○ Schoolwide expectations systemically taught and retaught ● Second Step Curriculum ● .8 FTE School Counselor ● Child Protection Unit ● Anti-bullying Assembly ● Diversity Awareness Lessons ● Mindfulness Lessons ● School-wide Social emotional learning block with feelings check-ins, online and in-person ● Class meetings ● Kelso's Choices ● SWIS Data Program for tracking Office Discipline Referrals ● SAEBRs Screening with Fast Bridge ● Strengths & Difficulties Questionnaire with families ● Dean of Students/ MTSS Coach 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Skills groups for social skills and emotional management ● Student Lunch Bunches with Counselor ● YANA Club for 5th Graders ● Check In/Check Out ● Parenting with Love and Logic Class ● Read to Rover ● Building Futures Mentorship Program with YMCA ● Individual counseling and in-class support from support staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Behavior Support Classroom funded by both SPED and Basic Education ● KMH/ISA Jenny Vervynck <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bounce Back ○ 1:1 problem solving ○ Parental Involvement ● Partnership with Jumping Mouse ● WISE Teams ● MCS Counseling Mental Health Therapist individual student sessions ● Coordination with community resources ● Home visits
Blue Heron Middle School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PBIS Expectation Lessons ● SEL Classes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● KMH/ISA Jenny Vervyn funded by 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Behavior Support Room funded by both



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/OCEAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Second Step Curriculum ● Academic Success Classes ● Benji Project ● Drug/Alcohol Prevention Lessons ● 1.0 School Counselor ● Dean of Students 	<p>LAP High Poverty Dollars</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Drug/Alcohol Counseling with Student Assistance Professional funding by OESD114 Grant ● Counseling provided by MCS ● Drug and Alcohol Prevention Family Presentation 	<p>SPED and Basic Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● KMH/ISA Jenny Vervynck <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Individual Support Lessons and Plan ● SPED Teachers ● Partnership with Jumping Mouse ● WISE Teams
Port Townsend High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● School Counselor (1.5 FTE for 21-22) ● Dean ● Freshman Success Classes ● Freshman Mentoring Program ● Teen Coping and Resilience with Benji Project ● Freshman Health and English 10 Classes ● For 21-22, PTHS is selecting a formal SEL curriculum to use in a weekly advisory class 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Student Health Clinic ● Counseling provided by MHP 3 days per week day beginning in 21-22 ● Relationship Lessons provided by Dove House Staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SPED Teachers ● Student Health Clinic Staff ● Referrals to Community Agencies ● Weekly Food Bank ● Holiday Gifts
Educator Support	<p>Beginning Educator Support Team Professional Learning Communities Professional Learning on Self Care Employee Assistance Resource</p>	<p>Sunshine Committees at each school</p>	<p>TPEP Support Coaching</p>

Future and Fiscal Considerations

- Funding: KMH/ISA, Jenny Vervynck is funded by LAP High Poverty Dollars through a contract with Kitsap Mental Health and the yearly contract.
- Student Assistance Professional is funded through a grant through OESD114 Student Services in connection with 1/10th of 1% Funding.
- Additional Licensed Mental Health Support for students beginning with the 2021-22 school year is part of the Academic and Wellness Recovery Plan. (ESSER Funding)
- Policy and Procedure 3115(Social Emotional Climate) is under Board Consideration for adoption and staff input.