

To: Board of Education

From: Kevin Harrell, director, student services, ext. 2221
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Re: USD 497 Mental Health Services

Date: June 9, 2016

Background:

In August 2014, the Board of Education approved the hiring of Jose Cornejo as the student services mental health facilitator for the district. The district mental health facilitator supports district service providers, students, staff and a healthy school environment. All buildings in USD 497 have mental health teams that assess and provide supports to address the social-emotional and behavioral health needs of all students.

School-based interventions and the coordination of community services allow district staff to refer students to services to meet their long-term needs. Collaborating with community service providers benefits the school district, students, families and the community.

Report:

The report will summarize current programming, highlight accomplishments and share the benefits the district is realizing with its focus on the social-emotional needs of students in the Ci3T framework. Each of the 21 buildings has a mental health team whose task is to promote mental health interventions and services to students and educate staff on mental health issues and the impact on school climate and learning. The report will highlight some of the interventions, professional development opportunities provided and commitment to integrating mental health interventions into the Ci3T framework.