

**WADSWORTH CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE**

WADSWORTH, OHIO

MENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2019, 4:00 p.m.

WADSWORTH HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER, 625 BROAD STREET

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Roll Call**
- IV. Review 2019-2020 Implementation Recommendations**
- V. Set Next Meeting Date in October of 2019**
- VI. Adjournment**

In accordance with State and Federal law, the District will provide reasonable accommodations to persons with disabilities who wish to attend and/or participate in school events. Such individuals should notify the Superintendent if they require a reasonable accommodation.

Wadsworth City School District Board of Education's Mental Health Committee Implementation Recommendations for the 2019-2020 School Year

After careful consideration by the Wadsworth City School District Board of Education of all items presented and discussed during the Mental Health Committee meetings (meeting minutes and documents can be viewed by clicking [here](#)), the Wadsworth City School District Board of Education has worked to prioritize the needs. The process of prioritization has not been easy and the board of education appreciates all of the time those involved in the committee have invested. The board of education has no doubt that our employees on the front lines of assisting students with mental health, social and emotional needs do a great job of managing difficult situations. There is also no doubt, through the discussions of the committee, that there are a number of ways to enhance our current support of students in these areas. What follows below are the initial recommendations, to begin implementation in the 2019-2020 school year.

The board of education believes that equally as important as the first step of implementation, is the need to monitor the progress of the implemented changes to determine the impact they have had on the gaps that were identified by the committee. The board of education would like to see the committee meet in October of 2019 to discuss these items.

Implementation Recommendations:

School Counselors

A. Staffing:

Add one (1) elementary school counselor; and
Add one (1) intermediate school counselor.

Current School Year:

<u>Grade Span:</u>	<u>Student Count*:</u>	<u>Number of Counselors:</u>	<u>Student/Counselor Ratio**:</u>
K-4	1548	2.5	619:1
5-6	667*	1.0	667:1

7-8	751*	2.0	376:1
9-12	1489*	4.0	372:1

* Taken from the January 3, 2019 Class Size and Enrollment Projections Document

** Rounded to the nearest whole number

2019-2020 School Year:

<u>Grade Span:</u>	<u>Projected Student Count*:</u>	<u>Number of Counselors:</u>	<u>Student/Counselor Ratio**:</u>
K-4	1537	3.5	439:1
5-6	682	2.0	341:1
7-8	715	2.0	358:1
9-12	1478	4.0	370:1

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Current Student/Counselor Averages (*Education Week*, March 13, 2019):

National:	444:1
Lowest in the USA:	207:1
Highest in the USA:	758:1
Ohio:	507:1

B. Testing/504 Plans at Wadsworth High School:

Remove testing and 504 plans from the main responsibilities of school counselors at the high school level. This will allow for high school counselors to focus more on items that were identified in the gap analysis created through the work of the Mental Health Committee.

Administrative Support at Wadsworth High School

Create a substitute high school assistant principal rate of pay of \$262/day. Contract with an administrator for no more than fifty (50) days for the 2019-2020 school year. This substitute assistant will be able to provide our high school administrators with the support needed to add the testing/504 plan responsibilities. This anticipated cost would not exceed \$13,100.00.

Clerical

Add one (1) hour of additional clerical support per day to the school counselors at Wadsworth Middle School. The number of days of clerical support for school counselors at the middle school in a school year will remain the same.

Community Agencies

Work with Bellefaire JCB to expand resilience work to our elementary schools;

Work with OhioGuidestone and the United Way to enhance services at our preschool level; and

Work with the Medina County ADAMH Board to explore other community-based programs that may be of assistance to our students.