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Greetings Millville Families!

The Millville Area School District is committed to providing a safe and nurturing learning environment in which students can work to reach their fullest potential, both as young people now and as adults in future years. In an effort to support the well-being and development of our students, the district will be using Suite360 Social-Emotional Learning (SEL). The counseling department will be delivering social-emotional learning curricula in grades K-12 and our intention is for these skills to become an integrated part of your child's learning.

SEL is a process that intentionally teaches the fundamental aspects of human development that are necessary for success in life. SEL is important because it has been proven to result in improved classroom behaviors, increased academic achievement, and enhanced mental health for students in grades K-12. Suite360 SEL is fully aligned with the Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL) Framework, which is considered to be the benchmark standard for SEL. There are 5 key areas CASEL considers imperative to the development of school-aged children: self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills and responsible decision-making.

Additionally, the district will continue to present the Too Good for Drugs and Violence program by the Mendez Foundation. Too Good for Drugs and Violence is a prevention education program designed to mitigate the risk factors and enhance protective factors related to alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs (ATOD) use. The lessons introduce and develop skills for making healthy choices, building positive friendships, developing self-efficacy, communicating effectively, and resisting peer pressure and influence.

More information can be found at <https://navigate360.com/suite360-sel-resource-hub/> and at <https://toogoodprograms.org/collections/too-good-for-drugs>.

We're excited to begin this new learning journey with our students, and we're looking forward to partnering with you in the effort to nurture our students into happy and successful citizens. If you have any questions, please contact the school counseling department of your child's school.

Sincerely,

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