



## **Springfield Local School District Student Wellness and Success Plan**

### **Introduction**

Future Forward Ohio encompasses the state's strategic priorities for helping students recover from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The road to full recovery continues. In order to support recovery efforts, the state of Ohio has identified three coordinating strategies to facilitate student success:

1. Overcoming Obstacles to Learning - Addressing barriers that prevent students from engaging in learning, such as attendance, health, mental health and high-speed internet access.
2. Accelerating Learning - Providing more, and more effective, opportunities to learn through programs like after-school and summer programming, tutoring and supporting districts in using high-quality instructional materials.
3. Preparing Students for Future Success - Helping students rediscover their "why" for learning and more smoothly transition to their next stages through career and college connections.

### **Identified Gaps in Resources**

We identified a gap in our continuum of services for physical health, mental health and intervention services for all students. We identified a need to provide a comprehensive continuum of services for students that includes prevention, classroom counseling lessons, small counseling groups, and individual counseling services that will improve individual mental and behavioral health as well as overall school culture.

### **District Goals**

1. To meet the needs of the whole child, including physical, social, emotional and academic aspects of their lives.
2. To support all students' academic achievement through academic interventions, mental health counseling and physical health supports.
3. To add supports in order to address any barriers to success for all students.

### **Initiatives**

1. School nurse to support physical and mental health needs of all students - One full time school nurse will support the students and their physical and mental health needs. The school nurse will provide resources throughout the year to ensure all students' physical and mental health needs are met. At times, the school nurse will refer students to our community partners for any physical and/or mental health needs that are not able to be met at school.

2. Student counseling services will be implemented throughout the district to serve all students as needed. K-12 school counselors will support students and their mental health needs; Counselors provide multiple resources throughout the school year to support both students' academic and social-emotional growth.
3. Psychological services will be provided for identified students and their families. Services will support students and their families with any mental health needs, both in school and in the home/community. Resources will be provided throughout the year to ensure all needs are met.

**Community Partnerships**

- Educational Service Center of Eastern Ohio
- The United Way of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley
- Alta Behavioral Health
- Mahoning County Board of Developmental Disabilities & The Leonard Kirtz School