

August 23, 2024

Dear DHH Lengel Middle School Students and Families,

We are so excited to welcome our students back to Lengel for the 2024-25 school year! Our faculty and staff are looking forward to teaming with you to provide the most effective learning environment for all of our students. With your continued support, collaboration with teachers and staff, and consistent communication, we are confident that the school year will be successful and filled with student growth.

Lengel utilizes a Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) structure to match support with students' needs. We strive to efficiently align supports and services and communicate with students' families to ensure their needs are being met. We also understand that students and families may have questions or need assistance but may be unsure where to direct those contacts. Students learn in many different ways, which is why it is essential to have various supports available. The following guide outlines a few of the supports available:

- Title 1 Interventionists for Math and ELA are available to assist students in the classroom and in small group through direct instruction.
- The MTSS Team reviews classroom data, interacts with teachers, and explores additional or alternate options for academic support.
- Students exhibiting behavior difficulties, experiencing stress, and/or other challenges that are impacting school function may be referred to the Student Assistance Program (SAP) where a multi-disciplinary team works to determine how to provide support.
- School counselors and a certified counselor are available to support students throughout the school day when requested by a student or referred by a staff member.
- Third-party school-based behavioral health programming is present in the school building, students and families have access to a variety of supports in a convenient setting.

We hope that you find this information to be a helpful resource to ensure your student can access the supports needed to be successful. Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

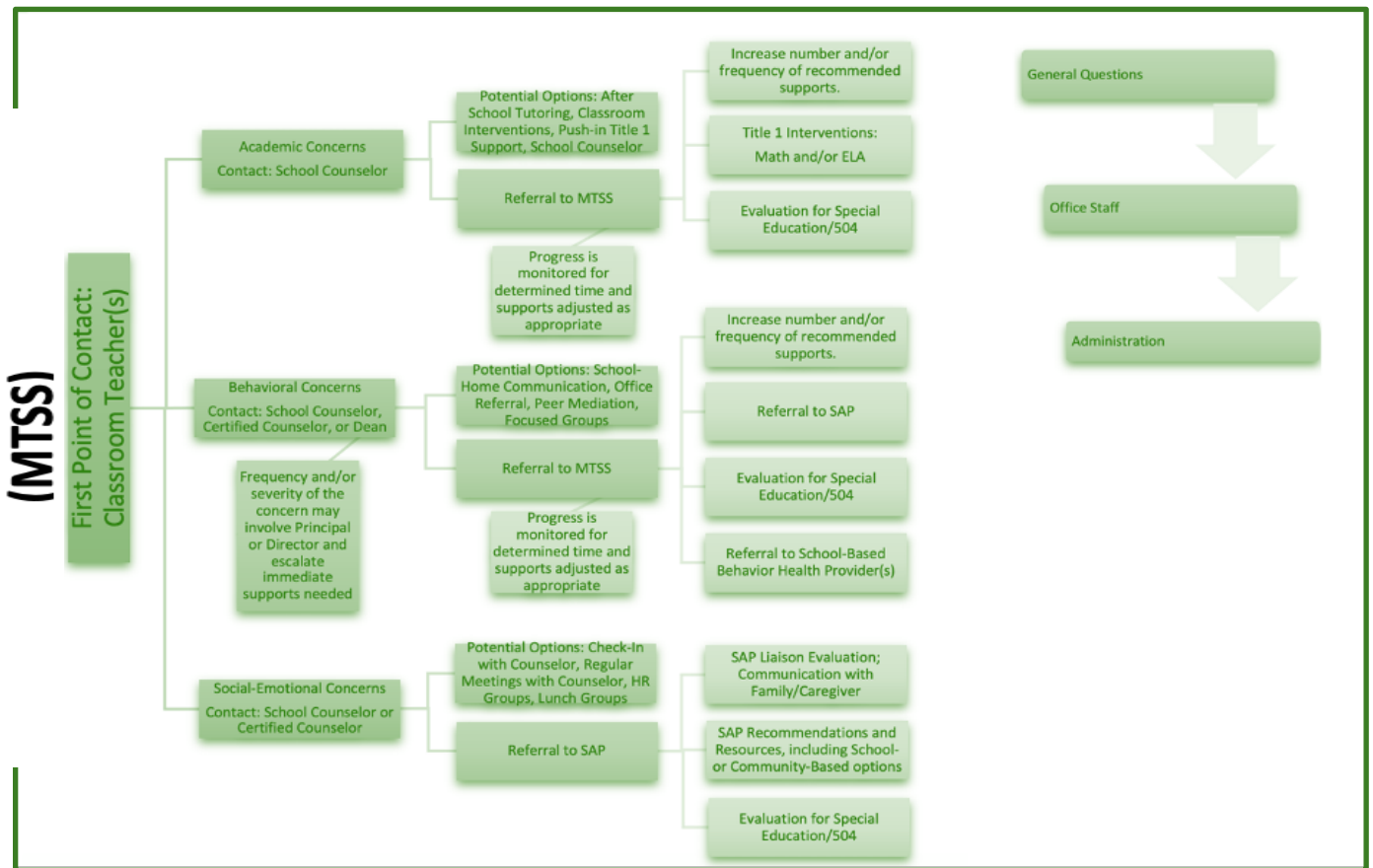
Respectfully,

Dr. Caitlin R. Mohl
Principal

Mr. Phil Kissinger
Assistant Principal

Ms. Kelly A. Brennan
Director of Special Education

Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS)



Staff	Description	Contact
<p>Office Staff</p> <p>Mrs. Lisa Revenis Mr. Chris Nabholz</p>	<p>Mrs. Revenis and Mr. Nabholz are here to answer general questions such as whom to contact for a change of address, dates of a scheduled event, or your child's attendance. Attendance questions related to truancy will be redirected to a school counselor or administrator, as appropriate.</p>	<p>DHHL Phone 570-621-2924</p> <p>DHHL Fax 570-621-2999</p> <p>Mrs. Revenis's email: lrevenis@pottsville.k12.pa.us</p> <p>Mr. Nabholz's email: cnabholz@pottsville.k12.pa.us</p>
<p>Classroom Teachers</p>	<p>Classroom teachers are the first point of contact for any questions or concerns regarding your child's academic and behavioral progress. Please contact them through email first since they are teaching during the school day. If you do not receive a response within 24 hours during the school week, please call the office. If the concern is time sensitive, please call the office for a return call.</p>	<p>Contact your child's teacher through email first, unless the concern is time sensitive.</p>
<p>School Counselors</p> <p>Mrs. Miranda Schultz (A-M) Miss Allison Parker (N-Z)</p>	<p>The role of the school counselors is to support all students to successfully achieve their academic goals.</p> <p><i>When should I contact my child's school counselor?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> After speaking with your child's teacher(s) regarding academic concerns, or at the recommendation of your child's teacher(s). <input type="checkbox"/> With behavioral or social-emotional concerns if they are occurring in school, but not within any specific classroom; or, when attendance is impacted by these stressors. <input type="checkbox"/> When peer relationships interfere with your child's ability to effectively participate in learning. 	<p>Mrs. Schultz's email: miangelo@pottsville.k12.pa.us</p> <p>Miss Parker's email: aparker@pottsville.k12.pa.us</p> <p><i>If the topic is time-sensitive, please contact the main office and request a return call.</i></p>
<p>Certified Counselor</p> <p>Mrs. Jennifer Brant</p>	<p>The role of the certified counselor is to help students address problems or issues that may cause a barrier to learning. Mrs. Brant serves individuals and groups of students by helping them with social skills and coping skills. She helps students, families, and teachers address concerns regarding social withdrawal, aggressive behaviors, the effects of situational stressors, etc.</p> <p><i>When should I contact the certified counselor?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> If your child is experiencing behavioral or mental health concerns, or situational stressors (grief, loss, changes at home, etc.). <input type="checkbox"/> If you are in need of or have questions about community resources available. 	<p>Mrs. Brant's email: jbrant@pottsville.k12.pa.us</p> <p><i>If the topic is time-sensitive, please contact the main office and request a return call.</i></p>

<p>McKinney Vento Liaison</p> <p>Mr. Patrick Brennan</p>	<p>Under the McKinney-Vento Act, the term “homeless children and youth” means individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence and includes children and youth:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> who are sharing the housing of others due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; <input type="checkbox"/> are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; <input type="checkbox"/> are living in emergency or transitional shelters or are abandoned in hospitals; who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings; <input type="checkbox"/> who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; <input type="checkbox"/> who are migratory children who live in one of the above circumstances. <p><i>When should I contact Mr. Brennan?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Contact should be made as soon as homelessness concerns arise so that obstacles to education can be minimized. 	<p>Mr. Brennan’s Email: pbrennan@pottsville.k12.pa.us</p> <p>or call 570-621-3264</p> <p>Please contact the DHHL office if you do not receive communication within 24 hours of your email.</p>
<p>Transportation Supervisor</p> <p>Mrs. Deniece Krater</p>	<p>Mrs. Krater directs and monitors the work of school bus and van drivers. She responds to requests for assistance by troubleshooting and providing solutions to concerns.</p> <p><i>When should I contact Mrs. Krater?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> If you have questions about your child’s bus stop, pick-up time, or drop-off time. <input type="checkbox"/> If you have specific concerns about transportation, bus/van drivers, or bus/van aides. 	<p>Mrs. Krater’s email: dkrater@pottsville.k12.pa.us</p> <p>or call 570-621-2949</p>
<p>Director of Athletics & Student Activities</p> <p>Mr. Derrell Johnson-Koulianos</p> <p>Athletic Director</p> <p>Mr. Eric Rismiller</p>	<p>The Pottsville Area School District offers students a variety of athletic opportunities. School-sponsored PIAA sports begin at the junior high level (7th & 8th grade). Schedules and information are available at www.pottsvilleathletics.org. The school also coordinates with community-based groups to provide athletic opportunities for students younger than junior high.</p> <p><i>When should I contact the athletic department?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> If your child is interested in participating in a junior high or community-based sport but are unsure who to contact or how to get started. <input type="checkbox"/> If you have questions about physicals, academic eligibility, or registration for junior high sports. 	<p>Mr. Johnson-Koulianos’s email: djohnson@pottsville.k12.pa.us</p> <p>Mr. Rismiller’s email: erismiller@pottsville.k12.pa.us</p> <p>or call 570-621-2977</p>

<p>Director of Special Education</p> <p>Ms. Kelly A. Brennan</p>	<p>Ms. Brennan oversees special education programming for PASD and is housed in the middle school. She works to implement and enhance special education programs and services in conformance to District procedures as well as state and federal laws. She serves as a resource to families and school personnel as well as coordinates the activities of teachers and support staff for special education programming for students with individualized education plans (IEPs).</p> <p><i>When should I contact Ms. Brennan?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> If there is in need for academic, behavioral, or other supports beyond what is currently offered within the general education classroom. <input type="checkbox"/> If your child receives special education services and you have questions or concerns beyond what the case manager or teacher can answer. 	<p>Ms. Brennan's email: kabrennan@pottsville.k12.pa.us</p>
<p>Dean of Students</p> <p>Mrs. Lisa Holobetz</p>	<p>The role of the dean of students encompasses a comprehensive and collaborative approach to proactively managing student behavior. In addition to being the dean, Mrs. Holobetz is the PBIS coordinator. These roles seamlessly coincide to consistently enforce behavior expectations throughout our school, as well as communicate with students, families, and staff to ensure an effective team approach.</p> <p><i>When should I contact Mrs. Holobetz?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> If you have questions or concerns about your child's disciplinary infraction or consequence. <input type="checkbox"/> If you become aware of or have concerns about student conflict, bullying, or cyberbullying that may be occurring in school. 	<p>Mrs. Holobetz's email: lhobobetz@pottsville.k12.pa.us</p>
<p>Assistant Principal</p> <p>Mr. Phil Kissinger</p>	<p>The assistant principal primarily oversees schoolwide discipline, focusing on proactive behavior management and prioritizing school safety. Mr. Kissinger assists in overall administrative responsibilities, including supervision and evaluation of staff. He works closely with the dean of students to establish a safe and orderly learning environment, including regular communication with students, families, and staff.</p> <p><i>When should I contact Mr. Kissinger?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> If you have questions or concerns about your child's disciplinary infraction or consequence. <input type="checkbox"/> If you become aware of or have concerns about student conflict, bullying, or cyberbullying that may be occurring in school. 	<p>Mr. Kissinger's email: pkissinger@pottsville.k12.pa.us</p>

<p>Principal</p> <p>Dr. Caitlin R. Mohl</p>	<p>The role of a principal is to provide strategic direction in the school system. Dr. Mohl monitors student progress with the MTSS team, communicates with families about academics and extracurricular activities, establishes/revises school procedures, manages the Board approved budget, recommends and evaluates staff, and oversees facilities.</p> <p>Dr. Mohl’s prioritized responsibilities entail reviewing safety protocols and emergency response procedures as well as strengthening standardized curricula and assessing teaching methods within the school and district teams.</p> <p>Legislative emphasis on measurable student outcomes requires principals to collaborate with educators to set and achieve high-performance goals for all student groups.</p> <p><i>When should I contact Dr. Mohl?</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> If the aforementioned personnel have not been able to resolve student or staff concerns.</p>	<p>Dr. Mohl’s email:</p> <p>cmohl@pottsville.k12.pa.us</p>
<p>Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment & Safety and Security Coordinator</p> <p>Dr. Jared Gerace</p>	<p>As a curriculum and instruction specialist, Dr. Gerace is tasked with evaluating, developing, and recommending curricula with the school and district teams. He analyzes student achievement with other stakeholders to make recommendations to the Superintendent and School Board.</p> <p>Dr. Gerace oversees Virtual Learning across the district as well as transitioning back to In-person Learning.</p> <p>Families are encouraged to communicate with Dr. Gerace to discuss school safety issues after consulting with one of the administrators at DHH Lengel Middle School.</p>	<p>Dr. Gerace’s email:</p> <p>jgerace@pottsville.k12.pa.us</p>
<p>Where can I find teacher and staff email addresses?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> https://www.pottsville.k12.pa.us/domain/116</p> <p>How do I get in touch with the technology department?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> https://www.pottsville.k12.pa.us/domain/26</p> <p>If I don’t need to talk to someone, where can I find additional information?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pottsville Area School District website: https://www.pottsville.k12.pa.us/ <input type="checkbox"/> DHH Lengel Middle School website: https://www.pottsville.k12.pa.us/Domain/9 <input type="checkbox"/> DHH Lengel Middle School Student Handbook: **check website for updates** <input type="checkbox"/> Pottsville Area School District Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/ctidepride <input type="checkbox"/> DHH Lengel Middle School Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/LengelMiddleSchool 		