



# **Southern Local School District**

## **Student Wellness and DPIA Funding Plan**

### **Purpose:**

The Southern Local School District recognizes that student success is directly tied to their overall well-being. Through the strategic use of Student Wellness and Success Funds and Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aide (DPIA), the district is committed to providing targeted supports in academics, mental health, wellness, and school safety. This plan outlines how resources will be utilized to ensure students are healthy, supported and ready to learn.

### **Goal 1: Academic Support**

**Objective:** Provide learning opportunities and interventions to improve academic achievement, reduce learning gaps, and support at-risk students.

- Employ intervention specialists and instructional aides to provide targeted small-group instruction to meet the needs of students.
- Provide free preschool for students in the district.
- Provide instructional technology, blended learning, and drop-out prevention through Falcon Academy.
- Provide learning space and support for utilization of the 21st Century Learning Program.
- Provide an Attendance Intervention Officer for the district.
- Provide Before-School programming for elementary students.
- Provide After-School tutoring for high school students.

### **Goal 2: Mental Health Services**

**Objective:** Provide accessible and comprehensive mental health services to students and families.

- Employ 1 full-time Student Wellness Specialist.
- Employ 2 full-time Counselors.
- Employ 1 full-time Psychologist.
- Collaborate with Perry County Job and Family Services to provide 1 full-time School Outreach Caseworker.
- Provide staff professional development on trauma-informed practices and early identification of student needs.



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### **Goal 3: Wellness Initiatives**

**Objective:** Promote physical health, nutrition, and overall wellness to ensure students are ready to learn.

- Maintain a full-time district nurse to support student health needs.
- Provide on-site student physicals free of charge.
- Vision services.
- Provide on-site health screenings and clinics.

### **Goal 4: School Safety**

**Objective:** Ensure a safe and supportive learning for all students and staff.

- Maintain a full-time School Resource Officer .
- Upgrade school facilities with security cameras, secure entry systems, and communication tools.
- Provide staff and student training on safety drills, digital safety, and crisis response.
- Implement restorative practices to strengthen school climate and reduce conflicts.

### **Community Partners:**

- Muskingum Valley Educational Service Center
- Perry County Job and Family Services
- Perry County Sheriff's Department