

**Wellness Promotion Policy Goal: School Counseling**

**OTHER SCHOOL & DEPARTMENT BASED ACTIVITIES:**

To promote and safeguard the health, wellness, and safety of students and staff.

**Fiscal Year: FY-2017**

**Objective:**

The School District shall implement the Student Development Plan, the comprehensive school counseling plan for the District, for all schools in order to foster academic achievement, college and career readiness, and social/ emotional development for all students through direct counseling services and collaboration with teachers, administrators, parents and community.

**Location of Item In the Policy:** 3.b. xiii., xiv.

**FY-2017 Plan of Action:**

The School Counseling Team will undertake the following steps FY-2017:

1. Provide a 6 webinar professional development series on the development, implementation, and evaluation of the Student Development Plan,
2. Provide face-to-face professional development and technical support to schools and school counselors in the implementation of the Student Development Plan,
3. Provide professional development and technical support on measuring the student process, perception, and outcome data, and
4. Collect data on the implementation of the Student Development Plan through survey and PBSD 2474 - Student Development Plan Annual Report.

**Mid-Year Comments:**

Webinar series underway. School counseling professional development supporting the social/emotional, academic and career development of students has occurred. Collaboration with community organizations supporting student mental health and wellness is ongoing. Student Social and Emotional Learning Standards have been developed and have been shared with internal and external stakeholders. A certified school counselor job description was developed and approved by the School Board.

**Year-End Comments:**

The School Counseling Team successfully provided the professional development activities as described. Furthermore, end of the year Annual Report data was used to inform planning for the following school year (2017-2018).

In addition, the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Mental Health and Wellness Conference was successful with 100% the participants reporting positive responses for conference relevance, knowledge of presenters, and organization.

Other successful student-centered initiatives managed by the School Counseling Team include:

- The Annual College-Career Fair. This annual event provides students and their families to begin their college-career exploration journey. Over 36 students and their families were able to learn more about post-secondary opportunities from representatives 125 college, universities, technical training programs, and the military.
- The Annual Historically Black Colleges and Hispanic Serving Institutions Recruitment Tour. The January 2017 recruitment event allowed college ready seniors to meet with recruiters to discuss applying and attending select universities. During this year's event, there were 1,384 admissions and \$8 million in scholarships offered.
- Character Counts! A character education and student recognition program. During the 2016-2017 school over 27,000 Character Counts! Student certificates were provided to 92 schools across the District. Each month the certificates were used to recognize students who exhibit exemplary character at school and in the community.

