

# OHVA Student Wellness and Success Plan

## **Introduction**

In FY 23 the Department of Education introduced Future Forward Ohio, encompassing the state's priorities and strategies to address academic recovery and promote student success. Student wellness is one of the strategic priorities of Future Forward Ohio. Using Future Forwards guiding principles Ohio's schools can succeed by meeting the needs of the Whole Child – the physical, social, emotional and intellectual aspects of the child's well-being. During FY23, many schools had three separate funding streams available to provide student wellness activities. Those three funding sources included: Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid, Base Cost Student Wellness and Success Component and remaining funds from Student Wellness and Success distributed during FY20 and FY21.

## **District Goal**

Our goal with this fund is to increase student wellness by leveraging counselors, wrap around services, and family engagement to support the whole child needs of our students. This aligns with our continuous improvement plan SMART goal that deals with school health and safety.

## **Identified Gaps in Services or Resources**

We identified a need for a school nurse which we have added in the FY23-24 school year to help student wellness.

## **Description of Initiatives**

Initiative 1: Salaries for school counselors supporting student health  
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. Counselors remain an integral part of the wrap-around services that benefit students and their families. Students benefit from individual attention and guidance towards graduation.

Initiative 2: Syntero clinician 2 days per week

We will partner with a community-based mental health treatment provider. Syntero will offer counseling and support to referred students; students have a safe space to talk to counselors and receive resources during the school day and without the need of insurance.

Initiative3: Syntero Parent Workshops twice per month

2 parent workshops per month to any OHVA parent who would like to attend on topics of relevance to supporting students.

Initiative 4: Telehealth school nurse

A school nurse was added to the staff to provide health services to students and prevention and wellness education to students and families.

Initiative 5: Salaries for student advisors

School advisors will provide student and family support services.