

**Mental Health & Recovery Board of Seneca, Ottawa, Sandusky, and Wyandot Counties**

**(MHRSB) School Funding Program**

**2022-2023**

**ANNUAL REPORT & FISCAL SUMMARY**

**Name of School: Danbury School District**

**Program: General Psychoeducational Counseling Services**

**Report Completed by: Mercedes Wise (Director of Student Services)**

## **Narrative Report:**

### **Services Provided**

Approximately one of every five students at Danbury actively participated in a psychoeducational counseling service in the 2022-2023 school year. This year, mental health services continued to expand from traditional one-on-one counseling to various psychoeducational group programs with the MHR SB School Funding Program. Students had the opportunity to participate in different psychoeducational groups voluntarily. The student groups included the following: middle-school suicide prevention, middle-school social-emotional development, and high-school suicide prevention, elementary-school general psychoeducational lunch and learn. All of the psychoeducational groups continued to thrive and increase participants to the end of the school year. Lastly, the MHR SB School Funding Program supported a suicide prevention, school violence, and social inclusion program that will formally be implemented across the school community next year.

### **Highlights and Impact**

The MHR SB School Funding Program directly increased a mental wellness culture across all grade levels at Danbury School District. The funding allowed for improving prevention, education/mental health promotion/stigma reduction, treatment, and recovery support services in ways that otherwise might not have been available. A specific highlight over the year was the increase in youth-led psychoeducational groups. Additionally, classroom interactions with professionals within the mental health field generated a positive, inviting, and supportive resource for behavioral health services. The impact of the MHR SB School Funding Program continues to be a driving force in the mental health stigma reduction at Danbury School District.

### **Future Direction**

Danbury School District is excited to continue improving our mental wellness culture for students, staff, and the community. Evidence-based psychoeducational counseling services are at the foundation of our mission. We greatly appreciate the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Seneca, Ottawa, Sandusky, and Wyandot Counties through the local mental health levy in allocating these esteemed funds toward our district's wellbeing.

### **Fiscal Summary:**

The MHR SB School Funding program was divided between two licensed mental health professionals that facilitated the services described above (reference attached spreadsheet).

Sincerely,

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