Assistant Superintendent Board Report

March 28, 2022

I. Project AWARE Update

Socorro Consolidated Schools was one of 3 districts to receive the Project AWARE grant, Santa Fe and Farmington being the other two. This 5-year grant is a partnership with the Children's SMHA (State Mental Health Agency; CYFD). The evaluation protocol and data collection will be developed by the University of New Mexico Health Science Center (UNMHSC), Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences' Division of Community Behavioral Health in cooperation with the PED. The purpose of Project AWARE is to promote the healthy development of school-aged youth and prevent youth violence. The goals are to:

- increase awareness of mental health issues among school-aged youth
- provide training for school personnel and other adults who interact with school-aged youth to detect and respond to mental health issues
- connect school-aged youth who may have mental health issues and their families to needed services
- develop the infrastructure to sustain mental health services and supports for school-aged youth after funding ends
- utilize program evaluation to ensure continuous quality improvement

We have hired the program manager (Jackie Muncy), as well as the community navigator (Samantha Vivian-Gonzales). We currently have the clinician position posted and plan on interviewing the first week in April. The program will be housed at the high school.

II. Homeless Neighborhood Navigator Update

Homelessness has a significant impact on students' abilities to attend school consistently and make academic progress. A Neighborhood Navigator serves to support the specific and urgent needs of homeless children and youth in recognition of the extraordinary impact of pandemic on students experiencing homelessness. The American Rescue Plan - Homeless Children and Youth (ARP-HCY) program provides funds to use for the purposes of identifying homeless children and youth and providing homeless children and youth with wrap-around services in light of the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic and assistance needed to enable homeless children and youth to attend school and participate fully in school activities.

The ARP-HCY sub-grants are intended to support the specific and urgent needs of homeless children and youth due to the extraordinary impact of the pandemic on students experiencing homelessness, including reduced identification of such students, decreased enrollment in school, interrupted classroom instruction, and challenges navigating services for shelter/housing, clothing and school supplies, food, and child care. We have hired Jill Angel to be our homeless neighborhood navigator. This new position is funded through ARP-HCY and focuses on checking in with our homeless students to make sure they have adequate food, clothing, and any other supports they need to be healthy and prepared for school. The position is 15-20 hours a month outside of regular contract hours. We currently have 40 homeless students.

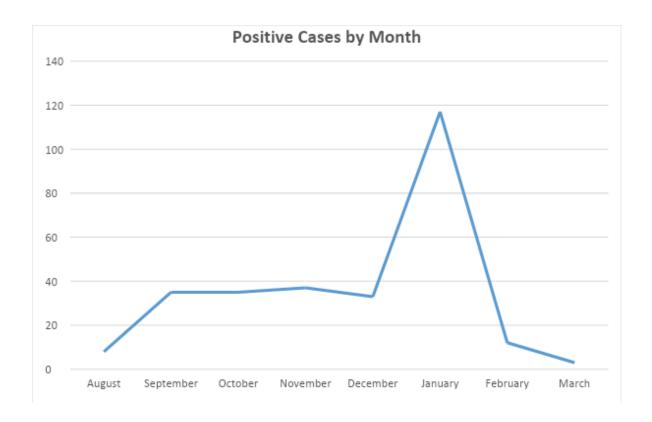
III. Friday Programming Attendance

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Date	SMS	S	PV	Total
Aug. 27	14	21	33	68
Sept. 10	25	56	38	119
Sept. 17	19	53	30	102
Sept. 24	23	46	34	103
Oct. 1	23	23	33	79
Oct. 8	46	52	32	130
Oct. 15	71	46	30	147
Oct. 22	conferences		21	21
Oct. 29	16	27	25	68
Nov. 5	41	56	28	125
Nov. 12	0	0	29	29
Nov. 19	12	40	0	52
Dec. 3	PD day		22	22
Dec. 10	2	16	27	45
Jan. 14	2	45	22	69
Jan. 28	9	23	22	54
Feb. 11			25	25
Feb. 18	12	19	19	50
Mar. 4	19	18	20	57

Homecoming (many kids decorating floats)
Balloon Fiesta field trip (SMS)

PD day Day before Thanksgiving Break

IV. COVID Positive Cases (as of noon 3/24/22)—no new cases since March 3, 2022



COVID Positive Cases in Socorro Schools February - March 2022				
Date	School	# of cases		
2/1/2022	Sarracino Middle School	1		
2/1/2022	Midway Elementary	2		
2/2/2022	Sarracino Middle School	1		
2/2/2022	Parkview Elementary	1		
2/8/2022	Parkview Elementary	1		
2/8/2022	Sarracino Middle School	1		
2/16/2022	San Antonio Elementary	1		
2/16/2020	Socorro High School	1		
2/17/2022	Parkview Elementary	1		
2/22/2022	Socorro High School	1		
2/28/2022	Parkview Elementary	1		
3/2/2022	Sarracino Middle School	2		
3/3/2022	Sarracino Middle School	1		