

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Program	Mental Health Assistance Allocation Plan
Status	Request for Approval from Commissioner of Education in Accordance with SB 7026 (16)(c)
Funds Requested	\$5,100,000 in categorical funding from General Appropriations Act
Financial Impact Statement	This proposal would result in a positive financial impact for the District to provide funds to create new positions within the Mental Health services provided to students and families of Broward County Public Schools.
Schools Included	All District Schools, K-12.
Managing Department/School	Student Support Initiatives, Employee Assistance Program, and Exceptional Student Learning Support
Source of Additional Information	Senate Bill 7026: https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2018/7026/BillText/er/PDF
Program Description	<p>Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) recognizes that an inclusive approach to the delivery of mental health services is essential to student success and requires the involvement of our community partners, employees, and families. BCPS Mental Health Assistance Allocation Plan includes detailed information regarding the delivery of evidence-based mental health services; current supports that address mental health needs; collaborative partnerships with community providers and agencies; and the process for coordinating mental health services with a student’s primary care provider and other mental health providers. The Social/Emotional Learning (SEL) and Reimagining Middle Grades initiatives are mental wellness approaches that will bridge into the additional supports provided by this proposal. The proposal provides additional support for Tier 2 and Tier 3 mental health interventions.</p> <p>This plan will allow for the hiring of up to 60 new staff in Student Support Initiatives, Employee Assistance Program, and Exceptional Student Learning Support through the categorical funding, to implement services with fidelity.</p> <p>Charter Schools are required to send their Governing Body approved Mental Health Plan to the District, to be attached to BCPS’ Plan, for submission to the State.</p>
Evaluation Plan	Existing program evaluations are in place for School Social Work, Family Counseling, School Counselors
Research Methodology	N/A