Student Wellness and Success/ Disadvantage Pupil Impact Aid Plan

2026-2027

Initiative 1: Student Well-Being and Whole-School Support

- **Target Audience:** 3,042 K–12 students district-wide.
- **Funding Source:** DPIA (Mental and Physical Health).
- **Goal:** Supports a literacy program and whole-school reformation model initially focused on grades K–5 and expanding into the middle school and high school, emphasizing research-based cooperative learning, engaging curriculum, professional development, and community partnerships. The allocation also offsets costs for four School Resource Officers (SROs) to enhance physical and mental security, funds school nurses in every building, and provides targeted instructional interventions tailored to students' individual emotional and mental capacities.

Initiative 2: Mental Health Partnerships

- **Target Audience:** 3,042 K–12 students district-wide.
- **Funding Source:** SWSF (Mental Health).
- **Goal:** Deliver comprehensive programming across five core areas: education, prevention, screening, intervention, and treatment. Provide QPR training and Mental Health First Aid for students and staff, manages the iCARE mentoring program, as part of the Destination 2030 strategic plan. Continue direct access to school counselors across all buildings—four at the high school, two at the middle school, and one shared between the elementary schools—to provide academic, career, emotional, and mental health support.

Initiative 3: District-Wide Counseling Expansion

- **Target Audience:** Identified K–12 students in foster care placement or experiencing housing instability.
- **Funding Source:** DPIA (Whole-Child & Student Supports).
- **Goal:** Remove educational barriers for highly mobile and vulnerable student populations. Include coordination of transportation stability, provision of essential school supplies and basic needs items, direct academic tutoring/interventions, and dedicated liaison support to assist families with housing and social service referrals.

To maximize the reach and impact of these initiatives, the district actively partners with local agencies within our Wellness Collaborative to deliver mental health services, wraparound community resources, and assistance for homeless and foster-placed youth. Additionally, our strategic partnership with the Educational Service Center (ESC) provides crucial regional support, specialized staff training, professional development, and administrative guidance to ensure program implementation across all grade levels.