

To: Eric Waddell, Superintendent
From: Mathew Kiernan
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RE: Q2 School Counselor, District-Level Team, Report

- In an effort to bring Mental Health Awareness to the forefront, and to open the conversation about mental health the school counselors were instrumental in helping to support Frn Chief Justice Broderick's visit to the KCC and Traip Academy in March of this year.
- Counselors are engaged in ongoing communication with district-level administration around how we should be evaluated.
 - Counselors have been researching established standards and scoring systems (according to ASCA) and have proposed some of those for use to admin.
- Suicide Protocol Development
 - 3 members of our team attended a full-day NAMI-sponsored training around Suicide Protocols on 5/6/19 at Biddeford HS. (Kelly, Monica and Mat)
 - Per that meeting our current protocols will be evaluated, there will be changes made and holes filled as a rubric is used to determine our weaknesses and strengths in this area.
 - Next steps include (NAMI estimates a min of 6-12 mos for this process):
 - Bringing a member of the district-level administrative team on board
 - Continuing the rubric review
 - Developing new protocols and refining established protocols
 - Bringing these changes in for review
- School Counselors as a team met with Maggie Norbert and Susan Farid at our May 15 meeting for a conversation. The goal of this conversation was to highlight each school's continued need for Sweetser services.
 - Some Takeaways:
 - Maggie is still with Sweetser, but Susan will be the new supervisor
 - Sweetser is willing to provide more clinicians, but require evidence of need
 - Counselors will be sending #'s of potential referrals (all anonymous) to Susan so she understands how more clinicians may be utilized.
- As a team we'd like to thank Paige Tewell for her work with us this year as an intern and are confident in her skills as a budding school counselor.