Student Well Being Working Group Short Term Recommendations

Statewide School Safety Task Force July 13th, 2018

Student Well-being

- Student Well-being includes:
 - social emotional development,
 - mental and behavioral health resources and school-based personnel,
 - training of staff,
 - community programs,
 - supporting the role of family.

SWB Working Group Process

- 10 Members
- 2 Meetings
- 2 Presentations
 - Presentation on "Evidence Based Threat Assessment Guidelines" by Professor Jaclyn Schildkraut of the State University of New York-Oswego
 - Presentation on "School Climate and Student Well Being Factors behind Averted School Violence" by Frank Straub of the Police Foundation
- Public Comment
- Research & Recommendations
 - 49 Recommendations
 - Refined and Consolidated to Top 5 Short Term Recs
 - 3 BDR's
 - 2 Executive Orders
 - Plus 2 "Honorable Mention" Recommendations for Letters

"Top 5"

- #1: Student Well Being BDR
- #2: Staffing Ratios BDR
- #3: Staffing and Funding Support BDR & Budget Request
- #4: Executive Order to Medical Boards
- #5: Executive Order for a School Safety Document

Recommendation #1: Student Well Being BDR and Budget Request

- Integrate Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Statewide to Promote School Safety
- Require Statewide Social-Emotional-Behavioral (SEB) Programming
- Encourage Restorative Practices as a Preventative Measure for Behavioral Infractions
- Use Equitable Instructional Practices To Promote Inclusion and Improved School Climate
- Fund 1 New FTE to Create School Climate and Equity Framework at State Level

Recommendation #2: Staffing Ratios BDR

- Establish Statewide Recommended Ratios for All School-based Mental Health Providers
 - Based on National Association Recommendations
 - Require each School District to Establish a 15 year Plan
 - Include a Definition of each Profession and Supervision Structure in Plan
 - Consider including School Nurses

Recommendation #3: Staffing and Funding Support BDR and Budget Request

- Include School Nurses, School Counselors, and School Psychologists in the NDE Integrated System of Funding for Medicaid.
- Expand District Capacity for Medicaid Billing for Behavioral Health Services such as Social Workers and Support with 1 FTE at NDE.

Recommendation #4: Executive Order to Medical Boards

- Mandate licensing boards for physicians, physician assistances, advance practice registered nurses, etc. to implement regulations requiring professionals:
 - To complete at least 2 hours of continuous medical education on gun safety and selfharm and harm-to-others risk reduction
 - Initial Licensed Professionals: during their first two years from initially being licensed.
 - Current Licensed Professionals: during the next licensing period.

Recommendation #5: Executive Order for a School Safety Document

- Direct the Task Force and NV Department of Education (NDE) to produce a school safety document to be distributed to all district, charter, and private schools in Nevada before the start of the 2019-20 school year.
- This document could be used by school leaders, principals and staff—to help communicate with parents, students and caregivers:
 - What state-wide safety precautions are in place in their school.
 - Provide crucial tips on responding to children's emotional needs during times of crisis.
 - Provide examples of early warning signs in children, etc.

Honorable Mention Recommendations (No BDR or Executive Order Required)

- Survey: Conduct a survey of all schools including input from parents, staff, and students on school climate, safety, programs currently available and utilized, and a SWOT analysis (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats).
- Letter to State Board of Trustees: Recommend School Improvement Plans (SIP) or School Performance Plans (SPP) for individual schools to include:
 - Goals to increase positive school climate
 - Goals to improve/family involvement

Thank you!