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**THE KENTON COUNTY BOARD OF
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Dr. Henry Webb, Superintendent of Schools

KCSD ISSUE PAPER

DATE:

September 19, 2019

AGENDA ITEM (ACTION ITEM):

Consider/Approve a Standard Memorandum of Understanding for mental health assessments, substance abuse assessments, and crisis assessments for students in the Kenton County School District.

APPLICABLE BOARD POLICY:

01.11: General Powers and Duties of the Board

HISTORY/BACKGROUND:

One in five students in schools today have a mental health disorder. (NIMH, 2015). Depression and anxiety are rising among children. Increased access to mental health services is an identified need in our schools. Over the past four years, the KCSD mental health coordinator has collaborated with community partners and agencies to provide mental health assessments, substance abuse assessments, and crisis assessments in our schools at no cost to the Kenton County School District. In an effort to provide equity and access to all schools, the need for a standard, Memorandum of Understanding, for mental health service providers was identified.

FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT:

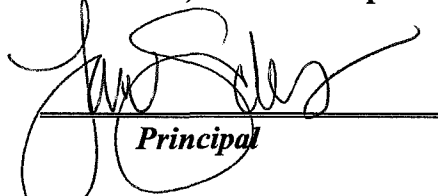
\$0.00 at the district level.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve a Standard Memorandum of Understanding for mental health assessments, substance abuse assessments, and crisis assessments for students in the Kenton County School District.

CONTACT PERSON:

Tara Sides, Assistant Superintendent of Middle School Curriculum and Instruction



Principal



Director



Superintendent

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The Kenton County School District

Agreement: _____

Name of Agency/Provider

Insert School Year

The Collaborative Service Agreement between the staff of Kenton County School District and _____ will have the following components:

1. The goal is to facilitate the provision of **mental health, substance abuse, and crisis assessments** to students who are referred by the Kenton County School District or its agents and qualify for services.
2. _____ will provide services for students in the school setting or other public location and consult and collaborate with school staff to provide supports for students.
3. _____ will insure compliance with all existing federal, state, and local laws and regulations governing the scope of practice of their services and abide by Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).
4. _____ will maintain appropriate professional and liability insurance. To the extent not covered and paid by insurance, _____ agrees that he/she will be responsible for any claims, losses, liability, demands and damages, and agrees to hold harmless and/or indemnify from any loss, damage, claim or expense incurred by the KCS D based solely on negligence, errors, or omissions by related to the performance of services conducted by _____ pursuant to this agreement.
5. _____ will provide a list of personnel and their role, who will be working in the Kenton County School District, by the first day of school and updated if changes are made during the term of the agreement.
6. _____ will comply with state regulations which may include background checks, fingerprinting, child abuse and neglect check, etc as required by the Kenton County School District for outside providers working with students in the Kenton County School District. (REG 160.151)
7. _____ will collaborate with the district liaison when appropriate.
8. During the term of this agreement, the Kenton County School District agrees to:
 - provide a safe environment, space, and reasonable accommodations to allow the provision of services during the school day and in the school buildings.
 - Refer students for services using the *provider's* referral process.
 - Comply with FERPA standards.
 - Provide a district liaison for questions and concerns.
10. The Kenton County School District is not responsible for payment for services provided by _____
11. This agreement shall automatically renew each year for a period of one year.
12. Either party may cancel by providing written notice, at least sixty (60) days prior to the beginning of any year, of their intention not to exercise their option to renew.

Mary Beth Huss, Director of Reducing Barriers to Learning
Kenton County School District

Date

Agency Representative

Date