## **Counselor's Corner** Board Report - September 2022 Ms. Jennifer Weber

- **Crisis Prevention Institute:** Ms. Weber and Mrs. Watson attended a three-day training in Lexington last week with the Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI). This training covered valuable de-escalation tips and focused extensively on using physical holds as a last resort when a crisis occurs with a student. Ms. Weber and Mrs. Watson received official certification in utilizing these techniques, and they are also qualified to train a select crisis management team at school. They will likely use professional development time in the next two months to deliver this training to our school-level team.
- Positive Action SEL Curriculum: As the co-coordinator of the Positive Action grant, Ms. Weber will meet with each homeroom teacher this week to build our Positive Action classroom schedule and to assist teachers with implementation of the program. Ms. Weber will step in to be the lead SEL teacher with at least two grade levels (7<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>), and she will also consult with the other teachers to offer assistance as needed. We are hopeful that we be able to deliver the Positive Action curriculum more seamlessly this year, as we are in year two of our grant implementation.
- **MAP Testing:** The first round of MAP testing will begin in September. Our hope is to conduct the testing in the regular classroom using mobile devices for all students grades 2-8. Ms. Weber will work with Mrs. Hansman to create the testing schedule, and she will oversee the administration of the test to troubleshoot any issues as they arise. She will also schedule make-up testing for any students who are absent during their scheduled testing days.

