

## Counselor's Corner

Jennifer Weber

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- **Grant Updates:** Ms. Weber attended the steering committee meeting for the mental health/trauma-informed grants on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. At this meeting, the grant directors explained the options districts have for posting additional mental health positions. Southgate has elected to post a generalized position for a “mental health professional,” which would broaden the credentials necessary for applicants. We will post the position after board approval and hope for some good candidates. Mrs. Hansman was also designated as the “school coordinator” for the trauma-informed grant, and she and Ms. Weber will work together to bring training and resources to Southgate staff throughout the year.
- **Beginning of School:** Ms. Weber will work with the administrative team to present required trainings to all staff in the first week of school. These include suicide prevention, abuse/neglect reporting, SEL curriculum, etc. She will specifically work with new teachers to assist them in implementing Positive Action for their homerooms this year.
- **Continuing Education:** On a personal note, Ms. Weber is excited to complete her Rank 1/Director of Pupil Personnel (DPP) certification from the University of the Cumberland at the end of this month!