

Counselor's Corner

October 2023

Ms. Jennifer Weber

- **NKY Regional Youth Summit:** Ms. Weber will accompany seven Southgate 8th graders to NKU on Tuesday, October 24th to participate in the NKY Regional Youth Summit. This year's summit is titled, "Empowering Young Mental Health Champions," and it provides an opportunity for local middle school students to come together to build leadership capacity through exploring mental health needs and resources for teens. Each district team will work together to create a mental health plan to take back to their respective schools to share with their peers.
- **School-Based Mental Health Grant:** As part of the SBMH grant, we have begun interviewing candidates for our additional mental health professional position. We are excited to add this role to our existing support staff to increase the wraparound services we can provide for our students at no cost to their families. Ms. Weber, Mrs. Hansman, and Mr. Duty are conducting interviews this week, and they hope to recommend a candidate for hire by the end of October. Funding from the grant will pay the salary for this position. Also, SBMH funds will be used to pay for school personnel to attend the "Working with Defiant Students" training on October 25-26th. A team of four teachers from Southgate plan to attend the training and share the information with the rest of the staff at a later date.
- **High School Transition:** Ms. Weber has started working with the 8th grade students to complete their high school applications. As always, each student will create a professional cover page for his/her application, and Ms. Weber will attach additional records. Our goal is to hand deliver student applications to respective district representatives prior to winter break.

