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Issue Paper

DATE:

4/1/26

AGENDA ITEM (ACTION ITEM):

Consider/Approve Kenton County School District (KCS D) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with SUN Behavioral Health to continue ancillary mental health services to students during the 2026-2027 school year.

APPLICABLE BOARD POLICY:

01.1- Legal Status of the Board

HISTORY/BACKGROUND:

KCS D would like to continue partnering with agencies to provide additional mental health services for students. SUN Behavioral Health provides level of care assessments for students.

FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Kenton County School District (KCS D) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with SUN Behavioral Health to continue ancillary mental health services to students during the 2026-2027 school year.

CONTACT PERSON:


Lesley Smith, Assistant Superintendent



Principal/Administrator



District Administrator



Superintendent

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The Kenton County School District
Memorandum of Understanding: SUN Behavioral Health
2026-2027

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

- 1. The goal is to facilitate the provision of level of care assessments to students who are referred by the Kenton County School District or its agents and qualify for services.
2. SUN Behavioral Health will provide services for students in the school setting or other public location and consult and collaborate with school staff to provide support for students.
3. SUN Behavioral Health will ensure 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. SUN Behavioral Health will maintain appropriate professional and liability insurance. To the extent not covered and paid by insurance, SUN Behavioral Health 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 SUN Behavioral Health related to the performance of services conducted by SUN Behavioral Health pursuant to this agreement.
5. SUN Behavioral Health 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. SUN Behavioral Health 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):
SUN Behavioral Health is expected to contact the school counselor to arrange an appropriate time and space for services in advance.
7. SUN Behavioral Health 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 SUN Behavioral Health referral process.
- Comply with FERPA standards.
- Provide a district liaison for questions and concerns.
9. The Kenton County School District is not responsible for payment for services provided by SUN Behavioral Health
10. The terms of this agreement are valid for one calendar year. It is contingent on approval from the Kenton County Board of Education.
12. The Kenton County Board of Education reserves the right to terminate the agreement at any time, without cause.

Lesley Smith, Assistant Superintendent
Kenton County School District
Date
SUN Behavioral Health
Date

Date approved by KCS D Board of Education: _____