



July 29, 2021 Regular/Tentative Budget Hearing Meetings

Title

Mental Health Grant Submission for School Year 2021-22

Meeting Date(s)

Information - 07/29/2021

Consent after Information - 08/24/2021

Consent Type

Discussion

The 2019 Florida Legislature passed Senate Bill 7030, Implementation of Legislative Recommendation of Major Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission, which comprehensively addresses school safety. Section 15 of SB 7030 went into effect on July 1, 2019 and amended the Mental Health Assistance Allocation (MHAA), which provides funding to assist district in establishing or expanding school-based mental health care.

SB 7030 amended the MHAA, in part, to ensure that every Florida Public School student has access to mental health professionals at school for the 2020-21 school year, this is achieved by training educators and other staff to identify and respond to mental health issues, and by referring children, youth and families who experience behavioral health issues to appropriate services.

Brevard Public Schools (BPS) will receive a mental health assistance allocation of \$2,798,605.00 to expand school-based mental health care and access to mental health services for students. One hundred percent (100%) of this allocation must be expended on the following three elements.

1. Expand school-based mental health care.
2. Train educators and other school staff in detecting and responding to mental health issues.
3. Connect children, youth, and families with appropriate behavioral health services.

School districts must submit board approved plans to the commissioner by August 1, 2021.

Recommendation

Approve submittal of the BPS Mental Health Plan to the Florida Commissioner of Education.

Authority for Action

FS 1101.42

Involves Expenditure of Funds Directly in the Classroom

No

Source of Funding

Operating - Categorical

Financial Impact

FY	Amount	Budgeted	Fund	Cost Center	Project	Function	Object	Program
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