

SOUTH SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: October 12, 2022

Agenda Section: Presentation/Informative

Agenda Item Title: National Substance Abuse Awareness/Fentanyl Information

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Additional Presenters if Applicable: N/A

Description: October begins National Substance Abuse Awareness Month and with communities in neighboring counties beginning to see an unfortunate increase in overdoses, poisonings, and deaths related to fentanyl, South San Antonio ISD remains vigilant in keeping our students, staff and community safe and informed.

What South San Antonio ISD is doing to help fight the fentanyl issue are as follows:

- Incorporating a fentanyl awareness presentation, for grades kinder through 12th, during National Substance Abuse Awareness Month (October).
- Working to supply Narcan to all campus registered nurses. SSAISD Registered Nurses will be trained on how to properly administer Narcan.
- District nursing staff, counselors, safety and security team, curriculum and instruction leaders, and our principals and campus leaders will be working on in-school educational opportunities, which may include assemblies, posters, or other ways to inform students about fentanyl dangers.
- SSAISD provides students mental health services, at no cost through our Care Zone.
- SSAISD Care Zone also provides our families and staff with mental health services, at no cost. All referrals are handled by one of our district partners who will then assign a licensed mental health professional to the requested individual. The sessions are available virtually or in person and Spanish-speaking counselors are also available.
- Beginning in the 2022-2023 school year, SSAISD launched an anonymous reporting program, which will allow students and parents to make anonymous reports about concerns of safety or student wellness. Our program is student-focused meaning it is a tool for alerting caring adults about students who need help. Students can use our new P3 Campus app to report: bullying, suicide concerns, depression, sexting, stealing, threats, cutting, abuse, dating and domestic violence, fights, drugs, alcohol, weapons or other types of dangerous situations that threaten their

safety or the safety of others. Their reports will be addressed by a trained team of school officials and law enforcement, when necessary.

• SSAISD Police Department also enforces Drug-Free Zones throughout our district.

For more information, please visit our website at southsanisd.net under the Health Services tab that can be located under Departments.

Recommendation: NA

Funding Budget Code and Amount: N/A

WHAT SSAISD IS DOING

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please visit Southsanisd.net under, the Health Services tab, to learn more about Fentanyl facts, what families can do at home to be proactive and a Message from our Superintendent.



