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TO: Weber School District Board Members: Paul Widdison, Jon Ritchie, Kelly Larson, Douglas Hurst, Janis Christensen, Bruce Jardine, and Jan Burrell
Superintendent Gina Butters

FROM: Jennifer Warren
Student Services Director

DATE: June 3, 2024

SUBJECT: Request to Purchase Mental Health Platform

Student Services and the Mental Health Therapist team are requesting to purchase a new mental health platform, Healthfully. Our current system, Providence, has been in place for a number of years and does not meet the needs of the mental health team or state reporting requirements.

State Statute 53F-2-522 sets standards for local education agencies (LEAs) to implement approved mental health screening programs for students in the areas of depression, anxiety and suicidal ideation with parent consent. An RFP was opened in April and three online platform proposals were reviewed and team representatives participated in platform demonstration presentations. The committee has selected Healthfully. This platform provides customized mental health and wellness resources and crisis response tools for our School-based Mental Health Therapists. This system of screening, recording, and analyzing the overall progress with those students served is crucial. Healthfully will also serve as the medical record for the district if a student received mental health services from any of the Mental Health Therapists on the team. Healthfully provides all of the components necessary for our Mental Health Therapists to perform their jobs: assessment tools; session notes; appointment scheduling; reports; log features for parent communication, observation, school related supports & communications; and is a secure HIPAA compliant system protecting student records.

The cost for the 2024-2025 school year is \$44,640. Additionally, there is an implementation cost of \$18,000 for the first year. USBE provides an annual grant opportunity to apply for funds to support the implementation of screenings. The annual grant amount has been between \$20,000 and \$27,000. Currently, grant applications are not yet open. However, we will seek to apply for the grant again for the 2024-2025 school year to cover a portion of the associated cost. Thank you for your support of our Student Services Department and Mental Health Therapist team.