

**DU PAGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 13
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Bloomingdale, Illinois**

Regular Meeting January 22, 2024

FOR ACTION

Subject: Approval of IDPH Cares Grant Program

Last fall, I indicated in an edition of the *Thursday Letter* that the District received approximately \$250,000 from the Cares Grant Program through the Regional Office of Education and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) to provide no cost mental health support to students. This process has included learning who would need to be trained, how the program would be facilitated, and making a legal connection for services through third party providers approved by the IDPH.

Ms. Varhalla, who was instrumental in successfully applying for the grant, has attached a memorandum to provide some details for the Board's understanding.

I am recommending the Board authorize me to sign the relevant contracts and documents needed to begin the facilitation of the grant's services. If you have any questions, please ask at any time.

Recommendation: The Board authorize the Superintendent to sign the necessary agreements for the Cares Grant Program offered by the Illinois Department of Public Health.