



ALEDO ISD BOARD MEETING TEMPLATE

MEETING DATE: July 20, 2020

AGENDA ITEM: Partnership with Mind Above Matter for the Provision of Mental Health Services to Students

PRESENTER: Scott Kessel, Executive Director of Student Services

Background Information:

- Section 38.351 of the Texas Education Code identifies provisions for mental health promotion and intervention in public schools
- House Bill 18 from the 86th Legislative Session in 2019 further expanded the emphasis on mental health in the enrichment health curriculum
- The impact of COVID-19 on students and families has increased needs for mental health awareness and support
- Mind Above Matter, LLC provides behavioral health care through individual therapy, family and group therapy, medication management, plus partial hospitalization programming (PHP) and intensive outpatient programming (IOP) for youth and adults at three facilities in the greater Fort Worth area
- Mind Above Matter partners with local school districts through their *iMatter Program* to facilitate PHP and IOP programs on school sites scheduled at times that are most convenient to allow students to maintain enrollment in schools and, as necessary, continue participation in extracurricular activities
- Mind Above Matter PHP and IOP programming will be conducted at Daniel Ninth Grade Campus and available to students ages 11-18
- A referral process through campus counselors and intervention counselors will connect students and families with *iMatter* services

FISCAL NOTE: None.

ATTACHMENTS: Letter of Agreement; iMatter Program flyer

Administrative Recommendation: Communication item only.