

Executive Summary

Prepared for Board of Trustees Meeting

June 11, 2013

Counseling Services Workshop

Board Goal:

- IV (d) Provide support services and promote health, wellness and safety for students and families
- II (a) Cultivate a consistent, strong, district-wide balanced curriculum based on ongoing needs assessments that supports all students
- II (c) Develop academic skills and interpersonal relationships necessary for student success in college, the workplace and for life
- III (a) Celebrate and respect the diversity in our Denton ISD Community
- III (b) Encourage and nourish a safe learning and compassionate working environment which ensures open and transparent communication and is supportive, cooperative and ethical.
- III (e) Motivate and prepare students to embrace their full responsibilities and obligations as active citizens of their community, nation, and world.

Purpose of Report The purpose of this workshop is to update the Board of Trustees regarding Counseling Department programs.

Objectives

- Review bully prevention procedures/program
- Review threats of harm procedures
- Review the results of the Senior Survey given at high school campuses
- Report on progress of the Naviance program
- Unveil the “BE the VOICE” calendar
- Report on counseling services achievements

Operational Impact N/A

Results Comprehensive school counseling programs are integral to student achievement. Continuous self-evaluation and the collection of data are critical in continuing Denton ISD’s counseling department in a forward direction. Additionally, counselor advocacy is equally important in the sustained growth in a successful direction of our counseling programs. The American School Counselor Association (ASCA) has developed a national model which Denton ISD counselors follow. The ASCA model recommends counselors spend a minimum of 80% of their time in direct (individual planning, school counseling curriculum, responsive services) and indirect services (referrals, consultation, collaboration) for students. Because of the support of the Board of Trustees and Central Administration, counselors in Denton ISD are moving ever closer to this goal.