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TO: Superintendent Jeff Stephens, Board President Jon Ritchie, WSD Board Members

FROM: Sheri Heiter

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SUBJECT: Board Presentation - Behavior Student Support Specialist Program

Weber School District is committed to providing all students with the opportunity to thrive and achieve academically. A needs assessment performed in 2019 showed a significant number of both non-crisis and crisis classroom behavior problems in the elementary grades. Data also suggests these behavior issues are increasing in intensity and severity. Of course, such behaviors often negatively impact classroom instruction. Our District Student Support Specialists are specially trained to address these issues. They provide additional support for students and also offer teachers professional learning relative to strategies that can mitigate the behaviors.

The goal of the Student Support Specialist program is to provide a systemic and equitable approach of integrated positive behavior interventions and wrap-around supports for all students. Every elementary student within the district benefits from a comprehensive district system for crisis behavior prevention and crisis behavior support in the elementary schools, Tier I Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) training for classroom teachers, Tier II MTSS support from in-school Student Support Teams and Tier III MTSS support from District Student Support Specialists.

Jana Heywood, the coordinator for the Student Support Specialist program, will share data from recent years and will detail the work of her team as they strive to ensure high quality educational opportunities for all Weber School District students.

Please turn the time directly to Jana Heywood for the presentation.