

"To provide a superior educational experience by working together with students, families, and community"

Student Wellness and Success Fund/ Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aide Fund Spending Plan

Student wellness is one of the strategic priorities of Future Forward Ohio. Using Future Forwards guiding principles Ohio's schools can succeed by meeting the needs of the Whole Child – the physical, social, emotional and intellectual aspects of the child's well-being.

The goal of the Swanton Local School District in its expenditure of these funds has been to support our students in the areas of mental health, career exploration, and academic supports like after school programs and credit recovery programs.

The Swanton Local School District has allocated the money available in the Student Wellness and Success Fund and the Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aide fund to pay for several initiatives over the last few years. Those initiatives are:

- 1. After school programs for the elementary and middle schools. These programs help students who have been identified as needing help with reading and literacy skills.
- 2. Funding the full-time school nurse. The nurse works in all three buildings to not only distribute medication to the students, but also keep up on immunization records, and to help students when they are feeling ill. The nurse also provides instruction for students and staff in dealing with situations that may arise such as diabetic emergencies, seizures and so forth.
- 3. The Swanton Middle School Career Coach has been one of the key initiatives paid for with these funds. Students in grades 7 and 8 are given the opportunity to work with the career coach to explore options for their future with an emphasis on jobs that are available right here in Fulton County.
- 4. Another component of our SWSF/DPIA plan is the creation of several building level teams to help students who are at risk of not graduating. These teams closely follow student progress and provide interventions to help keep their grades on track. These teams also work to promote a positive atmosphere within the buildings through the PBIS initiatives.
- 5. The credit recovery program is designed to allow high school students who are behind on their credits toward graduation to work in a supervised online program to catch them up with their peers and keep them on track to graduate on time.
- 6. Providing additional counseling support at the high school to help students who are struggling with mental health issues. These funds allowed the district to add a second counselor position at SHS four years ago.