

Wayne Local Schools
Student Wellness and Success Fund/Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid Plan
2023-2024

Wayne Local Schools is dedicated to addressing the needs of the Whole Child—encompassing the physical, social, emotional, and intellectual development of each student. To achieve this, the district has established a committee composed of guidance counselors, school psychologists, mental health consultants, and district administrators. This committee collaborates with community partners to enhance student wellness and implement positive behavior support strategies.

Our Student Wellness and Success Funding Plan is designed to ensure that students are well-prepared for learning by establishing practices that address their physical and mental health needs. This plan leverages the expertise of mental health professionals, community resources, and school staff to develop a comprehensive support system aimed at fostering student wellness both inside and outside the classroom.

Community Partnerships include:

- Warren County Educational Service Center
- Warren County Board of Developmental Disabilities
- The Village of Waynesville
- Access Counseling
- Crossview Church
- The Bridge
- Morningstar Church
- Talbert House-Prevention Services in Clinton/Warren Counties

The following initiatives have been identified to enhance and support student wellness:

- **School Resource Officer:** Responsible for ensuring campus safety and security, fostering positive relationships with students, and delivering professional development training for staff.
- **School-Based Mental Health Therapist:** Provides targeted mental health support and interventions for students.
- **School Counselors:** Offer comprehensive support for student wellness, advocate for students' needs, and provide essential resources for academic and personal growth.
- **School Nurses:** Address students' physical health needs and contribute to overall wellness through medical care and health education.
- **Collaborations with Community Partners:** Engaging with organizations such as The Bridge, Crossview Church, and Morningstar Church to broaden support networks and resources for students.

In 2023-2024, the State of Ohio provided the district with \$167,956.20 in Student Wellness and Success Funds and \$7,283.90 in Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid. The funds were used to pay for the salaries of nurses, counselors, mental health and psychologist services through WCESC, and for a portion of the cost of the School Resource Officer contracted through the Village of Waynesville. The community resources – The Bridge, Crossview Church, Morningstar Church- provide students and families with a safe place to hang out, get snacks, and seek counsel. These services directly impact hundreds of students, but indirectly impact all of the PK-12th grade students in the district.