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TO: Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors
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SUBJECT: Prevention and Early Intervention Services Expansion at Four School Districts

During the September 14, 2021, Board of Supervisors' Meeting (Item No. 21), Supervisor Lee requested that the BHSD provide an off-agenda report with an update on the expansion of County-sponsored Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) behavioral health services to Campbell Union High School District (CUHSD), Milpitas Unified School District (MUSD), Orchard School District (OSD), and Fremont Union High School District (FUHSD).

The BHSD has met with the school districts' Superintendents, Assistant Superintendent, and/or Director of Student Services to understand the needs and gaps in services and supports in these school districts as well as provide information about the School Linked Services (SLS) Initiative programs. In addition to CUHSD, MUSD, OSD, and FUHSD, the BHSD met with Sunnyvale Elementary School District's (SESD) Assistant Superintendent. SEDS students transition into FUHSD schools, and to provide continuity of care when students transition from middle school to high school, it is important to include SEDS in the expansion of PEI and SLS Behavioral Health (SLS BH) programs. Superintendents, Assistant Superintendent, and/or Director of Student Services have identified gaps in services and needs, and the schools identified for initial implementation of PEI and SLS BH programs are in discussion (refer to **Table 1** below for specific needs and service expansions).

Table 1: Multi-Tiered Supports and Services (MTSS) by School District

School District	Existing Services	Identified Needs	Service Expansion
CUHSD	Tier 1: SLS Coordinator (service coordination, family engagement activities and workshops); County fundamental trainings; Wellness Centers on school campuses Tier 3: Direct services by school social worker or School District	Tier 2-3	2021-22 school year: Confirmed implementation of PEI and SLS BH program



	contracted Community Based Organization (CBO)		
FUHSD	Tier 1: SLS Coordinator (service coordination, family engagement activities and workshops); County fundamental trainings, Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Tier 3: Direct services by School psychologists, school-based therapists, home based services for general and special education; School District Contracted CBO	Tier 2 – Skills group and therapy groups for students	2021-22 school year: Confirmed implementation of PEI and SLS BH program
MUSD	Tier 1: SLS Coordinator (service coordination, family engagement activities and workshops); County fundamental trainings Tier 3: Direct services by School District contracted CBO	Tiers 2-3	2021-22 school year: Confirmed implementation of PEI and SLS BH program
OSD	Tier 1: SLS Coordinator (service coordination, family engagement activities and workshops); County fundamental trainings. Tier 3: Direct Services by Social Worker, School Counselor	Tiers 2, 3 (Medi-Cal beneficiaries)	2021-22 school year: Confirmed implementation of PEI and SLS BH program
SESD	Tier 3: Direct services by social workers at each school site; School District Contracted CBO	Tier 2 – Parenting workshops	2021-22 school year planning: Tentatively implement PEI program.

Two CBOs have been identified to provide PEI and SLS BH services at these school districts. One CBO contract has been amended to include CUHSD, MUSD and OSD. The second CBO contract will be amended during Quarter 3 amendments to include FUHSD and SESD. The BHSD is in the process for amending CUHSD, MUSD, FUHSD, and OSD existing service agreements to include the SLS Initiative programs. Following SESD's decision to implement the PEI program, the BHSD will create a new service agreement with SESD. Following the execution of amended contracts and service agreements, the BHSD will schedule a kick-off meeting with the CBO and school district. The CBO will participate in existing school district and school collaborative meetings such as the Campus Collaborative and will develop relationships and partnerships with community resources to provide additional case management/navigation support.

Services at CUHSD, MUSD and OSD are slated to begin in Winter while FUHSD and SESD will start at the beginning of the calendar year. In Fiscal Year 2023, the BHSD is planning on increasing capacity with these two CBOs to continue efforts in expanding school-based behavioral health resources pending the final approval of the FY 2023 Mental Health Services Act plan.

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