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Dear Oaklyn School District Families,

Good afternoon! We hope you are enjoying the last week of summer break. We are writing to update families with our plans to enrich students' social and emotional learning for the 2020-2021 school year. We recognize that students with positive social, emotional, and behavioral functioning are more successful both in school and outside of school. Therefore, it is imperative that we address some key skills in these areas, and our district is committed to promoting students' behavioral and mental health in a variety of ways.

Social and emotional learning will follow a multi-tiered systems of support model this year. The tier one level outlines services that all elementary-age students in Oaklyn will receive. These include participation in our new social and emotional learning curriculum, written by very talented Oaklyn and Collingswood staff this summer - thank you to Vivian Barnett, Jenn Floyd, Faith Hvidas, Samantha Markulic, and Kristin O'Lexy. Tier one efforts will also involve consultation between classroom teachers and counseling support staff, classroom-level intervention as appropriate, and administration of a social and emotional screening tool. For students needing additional assistance in the area of SEL, a variety of interventions will be offered at the tier two and three levels by our dedicated support staff, including our Child Study Team case manager and school psychology intern. These include small group and individual counseling sessions during the school day, as well as a variety of targeted school-based interventions.

We look forward to partnering with the Oaklyn community to make SEL and mental health a priority, and are proud of our staff members who have spent long hours this summer preparing resources for our educators and families. If you have any questions about our social and emotional learning initiatives, please contact Vivian Barnett, School Social Worker, at vbarnett@oaklynschool.org. Please see the following page for resources specific to COVID-19 and remote learning, as well as contact information for support staff in our district.

Sincerely,

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Resources

Mental Health While Staying Home

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1IoNf9negloXnSMpfC_zbVe0IPsIva52L2K2ftaEBMAI/mobilepresent?slide=id.p1

Helping Children Cope with Changes Resulting From COVID-19

<https://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources-and-podcasts/school-climate-safety-and-crisis/health-crisis-resources/helping-children-cope-with-changes-resulting-from-covid-19>

Support Staff List

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