



Update from the Superintendent

To: Parents and Guardians

From: Mark McQueen, Superintendent

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As we celebrate National School Counselors Week, I am thrilled to take a moment to highlight the invaluable contributions of our professional school counselors who work with the Bay District Schools (BDS) family. All of our campuses have school counselors, the number varies depending on the size of the student body, and all of our school counselors are unsung heroes of our educational community. As vital members of our BDS Team of Teams, these professionals foster and support the nurturing environment essential for our students' holistic development.

National School Counselors Week is a time for us to recognize and appreciate the critical role these professionals play in shaping each child's educational journey. They go above and beyond their regular job duties, demonstrating a commitment to the well-being and success of our students.

The services provided by our counselors extend far beyond academic guidance. They serve as mentors, advocates, and a reliable source of support for our students, helping them navigate the various challenges they may encounter. Whether it's academic concerns, personal issues, or career guidance, our counselors stand ready to assist, ensuring no student feels alone or overwhelmed.

In the continuum of services, our BDS Team of Teams provides, our counselors are the linchpin connecting students, parents, teachers, and the community. They contribute significantly to the positive and inclusive atmosphere we strive to maintain in our schools.

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to our esteemed counselors for your tireless effort in our children's lives. Your commitment to their success does not go unnoticed, and your impact resonates far beyond the classroom.

Parents and guardians, I want to assure you that our school counselors are here for you. If you ever find that your child needs support, guidance, or someone to talk to, please contact the school counselor. Our counselors are here to collaborate with you in the best interest of your child's well-being and academic success.

As we celebrate National School Counselors Week, let us take a moment to appreciate and acknowledge the incredible individuals who contribute so significantly to the fabric of our Bay District Schools. Please take a few minutes this week to thank and appreciate the school counselors who have provided valuable support to your student(s).

Thank you, counselors, for your unwavering dedication to our students, schools, and community.

