

Piedmont Unified School District

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Randall Booker, Superintendent
Cheryl Wozniak, Assistant Superintendent

DATE: September 21, 2021

RE: **Social-Emotional Health Screener**

I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Goal #1 in the District’s Strategic Plan (LCAP) states: *All students and staff will feel physically safe and emotionally supported as part of a caring and inclusive community.*

In spring of 2020, PUSD began administering the BASC-3 Behavioral and Emotional Screening System (BASC-3 BESS) as its universal screener for social-emotional health. The student self-assessment form is administered online and is available to students in grades 3-12. It has 28 items and takes approximately 15 minutes to complete. Parent and teacher forms are available for students in grades K-12 and will be utilized on an as-needed basis.

Students in all grades 3-12 completed the BESS student self-assessment between August 23 and September 3, 2021. District-wide results showed that 1,592 or 86% of students of 3-12 graders who completed the screener were at “normal risk,” 210 or 11% of students were at “elevated risk,” and 59 or 3% of students were at “extremely elevated risk.” A breakdown of the data by grade level and gender will be presented along with next steps being taken to support students who were in the at-risk categories.

II. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Cheryl Wozniak, along with District staff will present results from the social-emotional health screener.