

FOUKE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Notice to Parents of Students Attending Fouke School District:

We are excited to announce that beginning in January 2018, the Fouke School District will transition to a School Based Mental Health Service. The district will employ one full time L.P.C. who will be available to work with all of our students. In addition, the district will also provide on-site psychiatric care for management of all mental health prescription medicines. We believe that the addition of these services to the Fouke campus will strengthen the overall support systems our students need in order to be successful in their academic careers.

For students who formerly received mental health services from Riverview as an outside provider, parents will be receiving a letter over Christmas Break with detailed instructions on how to continue counseling services when school begins again in January.

No student in need of mental health services is required to use the school based counselor or med manager, however, students who wish to use outside providers will no longer be permitted to meet with those outside agencies on school campus. All appointments and sessions conducted with outside providers must take place off campus and at the parents' expense.

For students who may find themselves in need of this newly arranged mental health support system, there is a simple referral process they can follow by visiting with the school counselor on his or her campus.

We believe this service will have a very positive impact on the daily lives of our students in Fouke Schools. Please be watching for additional information concerning this transition to a school based mental health service. We understand there may be a lot of questions as we begin this new service. District staff will work tirelessly with parents to make sure each student who is in need of counseling services will receive help seamlessly, even as we complete all the paperwork necessary for establishing the new system

Sincerely,



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