

## **2016-17 School Based Behavioral Health Programs: Expansion of School Wide Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (SWPBIS) Grant**

Grant Overview: The purpose of the School-Based Behavioral Health Grant is to:

- Support the development of a continuum of School Wide Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (SWPBIS) that focus on universal prevention, strategic intervention (secondary intervention), and/or intensive service delivery or crisis management needs of school-aged students (tertiary intervention).
- Bring together educational, clinical, protective and correctional services in a conceptually integrated, multi-tiered system of support for behavior that utilizes a continuum of preventing and intervening services.

The administration proposes using grant funds to implement SWPBIS at Warren Area Elementary Center, as well as to expand current SWPBIS efforts at Youngsville Elementary Middle School.

SWPBIS was established at YEMS to address numerous behavioral issues at the student level and to promote the change of existing school culture to one that is more positive. YEMS has had good results from SWPBIS, and a SWPBIS program at WAEC is expected to yield similar results.

Amount of Award: Up to \$10,000

Due Date/Notification of Award: Due October 14, 2016. Notification should follow soon after the submission.

Alternatives if not Awarded: SWPBIS will not be implemented at WAEC without grant or other funding. YEMS activities will likewise not expand to additional tiers of support.

WCSD Resources Required: None.

Administrative Recommendation: That the Board of School Directors instructs the administration to submit an application of \$10,000 to the Pennsylvania Department of Education School-Based Behavioral Health Grant, with the intent of implementing school-wide positive behavior interventions and supports (SWPBIS) at Warren Area Elementary center, and expand current SWPBIS efforts at Youngsville Elementary Middle School.