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Rumson's Partnership with HMH Demonstrates Commitment to Students' Social and Emotional Growth



Rumson, NJ - Rumson's Department of Student Services is pleased to announce its partnership with Hackensack Meridian Health (HMH) for the 2023-2024 school year. This joint effort aims to connect families with HMH's Pediatric Psychiatric Collaborative (PPC) services providing an additional level of preventative support. Thanks to the support and dedication of Dr. John Bormann, the Superintendent of the Rumson School District, this partnership will greatly benefit the students and families of Rumson. By utilizing HMH's expertise and resources, Rumson strives to ensure the overall well-being of students. This alliance reflects Rumson's commitment to providing comprehensive support and fostering an ideal learning environment.

The partnership between Hackensack and Rumson signifies a significant step towards enhancing mental health care for students. By providing Rumson with a model to connect school-based counselors and families with mental health providers outside of school, this collaborative program aims to facilitate a higher level of care for students in need. Through the guidance of an assigned care coordinator and clinical navigator, this partnership ensures a systematic and comprehensive approach to support the mental well-being of students. This collaboration reflects a professional commitment to prioritizing the mental health needs of the students and underscores the significance of interorganizational cooperation in addressing mental health challenges effectively.

Rumson's Partnership, as stated by Dr. Michael Snyder, the Director of Student Services, "signifies a remarkable collaboration that resonates with Rumson's core mission of fostering social and emotional growth in students through evidence-based approaches and organizational frameworks." This alliance demonstrates Rumson's unwavering commitment to helping each student reach their full potential by offering them a range of resources and support in pursuit of their personal and academic growth.

Through this partnership, Rumson will be collaborating closely with HMH's team of experienced healthcare professionals. Working in tandem, they will develop and implement an array of support services aimed at enhancing students' social and emotional well-being. Rumson's Partnership with HMH is a valuable collaboration that benefits the school and parents alike. Through curbside consults, the HMH network of medical professionals can provide recommendations for community-based resources. This ensures that parents have access to cutting-edge support and services for their child's mental health needs. This partnership promotes effective communication and coordination between healthcare professionals, the school, and parents.

Dr. Snyder further commented that "Rumson's partnership with HMH is an exciting step forward in our journey to prioritize student success. Through this partnership, Rumson and HMH are committed to equipping students with the necessary skills and resources to thrive in a complex and ever-changing world. By leveraging HMH's expertise and innovative solutions, we aim to provide our students with a well-rounded education that prepares them for future challenges. This partnership reflects our dedication to staying at the forefront of educational advancements ensuring that our students have the tools and knowledge they need to excel in their academic pursuits." Rumson is thrilled to embark on this journey with HMH and is excited about the positive outcomes this partnership will bring to the social and emotional growth of its students and the Rumson community.