



*Delivering Extraordinary Value to Families*

## **Steel Valley School District**

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Dear Steel Valley Families,

Our students are the heart of our district. We continuously strive to provide programs and resources, not just for academics, but to support each student holistically.

The Student Assistance Program (SAP) Team works with students, parents, and teachers to identify issues, including social, emotional, mental health, which may pose a barrier to a student's learning and school success. Through the SAP team, our District offers many groups, programs, and personal approaches to help support each and every student facing challenges to their success.

Students are referred for SAP support and services. All referrals are confidential and once one has been made, the SAP team gathers information, consults with the parent and student, and then makes recommendations for additional support. The SAP team is not a treatment program nor does it diagnose problems, although we may refer students to outside assessment and treatment programs. Teachers and staff can refer students for SAP programs based on their own observations, concerns shared by other students, parent/guardian concerns, or any combination of these.

### **Do You See Your Child Showing Any of These Behaviors/Causes for Concern?**

- Withdrawing from family, friends and/or school
- Changing friends; no longer spends time with old friends
- Unexplained physical injuries
- Talking about suicide
- Depressed
- Defying authority, both at home and at school
- Acting aggressively
- Lying
- Needing money without an explanation
- Sudden drop in grades
- Experimenting with drugs or alcohol
- Recent death of a loved one
- Divorce of parents
- Family relocation
- A relationship problem
- Other traumatic event

If any of these resonate with you, please feel free to reach out to a trusted district staff member so that we may be a support to your student. As always, thank you for being your child's biggest supporter.

Sincerely,

Bryan M. Macuga  
Interim Superintendent