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## **Beaver Dam School District Awarded Mental Health Funding**

*DPI announces more than \$3M in state funding for school-based mental health services*

**Madison-** The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) recently announced a list of 64 school districts that will receive state dollars to expand school based mental health services. Included in the grant recipients is Beaver Dam Unified School District, receiving nearly \$75,000.

“The much needed conversation surrounding children’s mental health has been gaining momentum over the past few years,” said Representative Mark Born (R-Beaver Dam). “The announcement of the additional dollars to expand these services is a step in the right direction, and I’m proud to hear the students of Beaver Dam will benefit from this program.

The grant funding for the expansion of school-based mental health services was included in the most recent state budget. Representative Born, a member of the committee responsible for crafting the biennial budget, was a dedicated supporter of the grant dollars.

“Strong mental health is a critical component in ensuring a student’s success in not only school, but in life,” said Born. “I applaud Beaver Dam Unified School District for working to successfully apply and receive this important grant. I look forward to continuing the collaboration of efforts to address the mental health needs of our students.”

According to DPI, one in five students faces a mental health issue. Children struggle with the same mental health issues as adults, including depression, anxiety, self-harm and substance abuse.

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