

THE GROWTH IN CENTRAL DAUPHIN SCHOOL DISTRICT

during the 2022-2023 school year has been remarkable. Since piloting our case management services at Central Dauphin East Middle School during the 2021-2022 school year, CISPA has seen a surplus in students seeking the mentorship and advocacy our site coordinators provide. At Central Dauphin East Middle School, efforts were made to enhance school culture by facilitating more than 200 school-wide interventions in collaboration with the PBIS team. Seeking to address the needs of the site further, targeted Tier II groups were organized to break down barriers for students such as credit recovery, anger management, and social skills. To further build rapport with the Central Dauphin community, CISPA began our partnerships with Central Dauphin East High School and Swatara Middle School. CISPA staff immersed themselves in committees and systematic programming that further the mission of our organization. In celebrating students' success and achievements in all facets of the educational journey, CISPA saw an increase in school climate and culture which widens the impact on students, families, and staff.

Looking back on the 2022-2023 academic year, there were numerous exceptional stories, but one student's journey stands out vividly. This student self-referred to the program halfway through the school year, seeking a safe space to process adverse barriers. He had been struggling to stay engaged in the classroom and faced challenges in building positive relationships with his teachers. After the site coordinator gathered information from this student's teachers, a plan was created to allow this student a "brain break" in which he could find a safe haven in the CIS room. During the breaks, the site coordinator and student were able to build a rapport in which the student discussed family life disruption and other barriers to his success. Remarkably, he ended the year with honor roll recognition, a feat he had not previously achieved. Through the efforts of Communities in Schools and the collaboration with teachers, this young individual overcame significant barriers and discovered his potential. This student's transformation serves as a powerful reminder of the impact of providing a safe and supportive space which strengthens our school-based team members' passion for supporting the Central Dauphin School District as we kick off a new school year!

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OUR IMPACT

Our Reach



104,459

students served through Tier I or whole school supports (duplicated)

499

parents served through Tier I or whole school supports (duplicated)

121

basic needs items distributed

30

case-managed students



Our Results



50%

improved attendance



57%

improved behavior



69%

improved academics



59%

made positive progress toward their annual goals