

CISPA BEGAN PARTNERING

with the Somerset Area School District for the 2021-2022 school year with a single site at Maple Ridge Elementary, serving students K-2. Fortunately, the partnership was able to develop even further this past year by adding a site coordinator at Somerset Area Junior High School. Through their efforts, more Somerset students received supplemental Tier I, II, and III supports. It has been a pleasure to work with SASD, and their willingness to welcome CISPA into their buildings has been pivotal for the program's success thus far.

The past school started strong with the district's Back to School Tailgate Party, and the school year continued with several other successful tier I initiatives like Carnival Day, Cookies and Cocoa during the holiday season, and numerous PBIS-related field trips. Given that Somerset is CISPA's first "rural" partner, it has been great to be able to see site coordinators assist with initiatives geared toward agricultural education and vocational training.

The site coordinators at Somerset create a warm and welcoming environment for all, and this is in part due to their insistence on high visibility and presence throughout the day. No opportunity is wasted to make a lasting relationship with students, utilizing assignments like cafeteria duty and recess to their utmost advantage. Regarding Tier II initiatives, they saw success with study groups, lunch bunches, and general social-emotional programs. Everything then comes full circle with their Tier III case-managed students, who receive support on a frequency far beyond any organizational expectation.

The CISPA team at Somerset Area School District does not believe in complacency. If trends continue, the amount of support given and the number of students reached will only increase to new levels!

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OUR IMPACT

Our Reach



340,777

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

2,120

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

46

basic needs items distributed

34

case-managed students



Our Results



100%
improved attendance



94%
improved behavior



100%
improved academics



95%
made positive progress toward their annual goals