## THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

was a year of fulfillment for our CISPA site staff at Susquehanna Township School District. As our coordinators continued to engross themselves in the community, we strived to build a stronger collaborative bond with local resources. At Sara Lindemuth Anna Carter Elementary School, a partnership with the "Art Nook" was brokered to bring summer programming for K-2 students. The curriculum for the program was thoughtfully curated to reflect artists who represent the demographic makeup of the diverse STSD community. The program was a success, yielding feedback from students and families with great excitement and appreciation.

Continuing efforts to keep students engaged was a primary focus for the site coordinator for Susquehanna Township Middle School. Using evidence-based programming, students of STMS were invited to participate in targeted lunch groups to enhance social and peer communication skills. "Lunch bunches," as they are so popularly referred to, allow students the safe space to process their social-emotional needs with peers who may be approached with the same barriers. These groups promote a mentorship opportunity for not only our site coordinator but for the students to guide one another through adverse experiences.

To assure continuity of care as CISPA grows within the Susquehanna Township School District, the site coordinators created opportunities to introduce case-managed students who are promoted to another building to the site staff who are responsible for the next level. Students of Sara Lindemuth were given an opportunity to have a "warm handoff" while sharing in a popsicle party to get to know the coordinator at Thomas Holtzman. Students were invited to meet the site coordinator at the Middle School by participating in board games and activities so that they may have a familiar face when they begin their secondary journey to STMS. Due to the success and impact of the services provided, the District has excitedly added Susquehanna Township High School to officially become a full-service CISPA district! We are thrilled to continue sharing our important services with Susquehanna students during the 2022-2023 school year.

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## OURIMPACT



## **Our Reach**



195,610

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

8,942

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

95

basic needs items distributed

94

case-managed students



**Our Results** 



71% improved attendance



improved behavior



improved academics



made positive progress toward their annual goals