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TO: Principals

FROM: Keith Oswald / Chief of Equity and Wellness

SUBJECT: **TRUSTED ADULT INITIATIVE - REVISED - ORIGINAL POST DATE WAS 4/12/24**

A trusted adult can wield an extraordinary influence on a student's life, shaping their journey in profound ways. Beyond mere academic guidance, such figures provide a safe harbor for emotional support, offering reassurance during tumultuous times. They serve as pillars of encouragement, fostering resilience and self-belief in the face of challenges. The impact of a trusted adult resonates far beyond the classroom, leaving an indelible mark on a student's character, aspirations, and future endeavors.

In alignment with our commitment to fostering the well-being of every student attending our schools, and in the spirit of magnifying the great work that is already taking place in our schools, the District is proud to introduce the 'Trusted Adult' presentation as part of the Strategic Plan implementation of Initiative C.1.a. The District's goal is to scale and quantify this work. Through this implementation, the District is committed to ensuring every student has a positive relationship with at least one adult at school.

To launch this Initiative, we ask principals to download the PowerPoint presentation from [this link](#) and show this very important presentation at the next faculty meeting to introduce the Initiative and next steps (click enable external content for this session). To capture school sign-in, please use the QR Code included in the presentation. Along with the PowerPoint presentation, staff may visit the [Trusted Adult](#) website to familiarize themselves with additional resources.

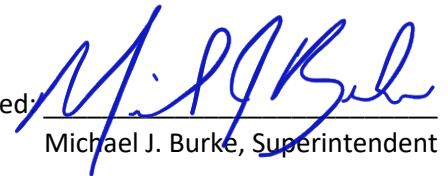
We also ask school principals to select, on a voluntary basis, an existing CTA staff member to serve as the school's Point of Contact (POC). The POC will receive an annual stipend for completing the required activities. Based on the grant narrative, to be eligible to receive the stipend, this staff member has to have a minimum of a Bachelor's degree and 3 years of teaching or behavioral health experience. To earn the stipend, the designated Trusted Adult POC must accomplish the following tasks:

- Attend the 2-hour Trusted Adult POC Launch meeting
- Attend 30-minute monthly 'Chat and Chew' meetings
- Select student participants for the program
- Select and train Trusted Adult mentors
- Monitor the implementation of the program
- Provide feedback on the successes and difficulties encountered

Each school's POC will receive \$400 in FY24, minus standard deductions. Beginning in FY25, each school's POC will receive \$700 annually, minus standard deductions. The stipend payment will be distributed as one lump sum at the end of the school year.

Please use this [Google form](#) to nominate your school's POC for this project no later than April 15th. The selected POC will receive a schedule of the upcoming training sessions following the April 15²⁶th deadline.

Approved:



Michael J. Burke, Superintendent