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Dear Parents:

I am pleased to announce that we have entered into a new partnership with the Community Based Organization (CBO) **Children's Village**. This relationship began last year and is now expanding to include the following services that will be offered to our students.

Supportive Counseling:

Children's Village provides supportive counseling to incoming students as well as students who are having difficulty maintaining their grades, attending school and/or experiencing family and/or personal issues. Students are referred to Children's Village by the guidance counselor, a teacher or the assistant principal as well as self-referrals. All students requiring services will be seen within 48 hours. If it is determined that a student is in crisis, that student will be seen immediately. No student is turned away.

The focus of individual counseling and preventative care (i.e., progressive discipline support) is to:

- Address academic concerns
- Address attendance issues
- Access resources including tutoring
- Develop self-awareness
- Regulate emotions, handle stress, address challenges and determine a solution
- Improve or develop relationship skills
- Utilize responsible decision making techniques

Supportive Group Counseling:

The supportive group is an educational, therapeutic, recreational and cultural enrichment opportunity designed to foster the development of positive self-image and competence in young people by introducing them to positive coping strategies that prevent or avert risky behaviors. This includes games club, girl talk, rites of passage, teen life, and making proud choices. Other groups/workshops include: anger management, healthy relationships and substance abuse. They will also provide social worker to meet with students

Attendance Support:

Children's Village staff provides attendance support to DOE staff by assisting with daily attendance calls to students/parents. Each intern and the coordinator have a small group of 10 students who have difficulty getting to school which they are responsible for making contact with either by phone or in person. These students are followed and monitored throughout the year.

Academic Support:

Children's Village facilitates peer tutoring and regents prep to provide extra support. Referrals to outside services such as SAT prep; weekend tutoring and/or ESL are provided as needed. Goddard Students will have the opportunity to interview and apply for paid tutoring positions at Goddard.

Parent Engagement:

Parents receive information regarding Children's Village services via mail; at PTA meetings or student orientation. Workshops are provided to parents on a variety of topics including: drug education, financial aid, college application, health, etc.

I am truly excited about this partnership and I want to thank Ms. Chapur for initiating and developing this relationship with this CBO. Children's Village Staff (CVS) will be located in room B48.

If you have any questions or would like CVS to assist you, please contact Ms. Chapur or Ms. Castillo.

Thank you.

Cordially,

Joseph J. Birgeles

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