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Dear Parents:

In cooperation with NICE Community School District (NICE), the NICE Adolescent Health Center, operated by the Marquette County Health Department, is currently offering mental health services for students ages 5-21 during the school day. This is made possible by a grant through the State of Michigan and administered by the State E3 Adolescent Health Clinic program. These programs operate across the state of Michigan, and have been proven to help students achieve academic success by keeping students healthy, learning, and in school.

The clinic runs full-time throughout the year, operating much like any other private office offering mental health therapy services. Mental health services are available to all students, including those who elect to participate in distance learning. The office accepts Medicaid and all major insurance carriers. When appropriate, insurance co-pays and deductibles will be billed; however, no child will be turned away for services regardless of ability to pay. Application assistance for MI Child/Medicaid/Healthy Kids will be provided as needed.

In order for your child to receive care at the clinic, you simply need to complete a parent/guardian consent form once during their time in the NICE school system. The consent will remain on file as long as your child is attending any school within the NICE district. If your child has a primary care provider, we would like to ensure appropriate coordination of care with that provider's office. Signing the consent form will allow the office and your child's physician to communicate for that purpose. You and your child may also decline the sharing of this information with the primary care provider by noting that on the form.

It is very important and we encourage and prefer that the consent form is returned. However, please note Michigan law requires that adolescents 14 and older be able to obtain certain confidential health care services without parental permission. Health care providers are required by law to keep those services CONFIDENTIAL, meaning we are only able to share confidential information if your child gives us permission to do so. Mental health services and substance abuse services fall into this category. We will encourage your child to share this information with you and we will always share information with you if your child's life is in danger.

Please complete the form and return it to your school office at your earliest convenience. If you have questions, please feel free to call (485-1023 ext 3). Additional information can be located on the District website under the Health Resources tab. You may also mail your form to:

Jamie Dieterle, LMSW-C, CAADC
Westwood High School
300 Westwood Drive
Ishpeming, MI 49849

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jamie Dieterle, LMSW-C, CAADC'. The signature is written in a cursive style.

Jamie Dieterle, LMSW-C, CAADC
NICE Adolescent Health Center