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**Solano County Superintendent of Schools Announces Grant Receipt of over \$500,000
to Develop School-Based Wellness Centers**

We are excited to announce that Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) has received notification, from the California Department of Education, that it will be awarded a grant of \$509,378 to develop school-based wellness centers. The Student Support and Academic Enrichment (SSAE) grant was awarded to SCOE, in partnership with the Dixon Unified School District (DUSD), to support the establishment of School Wellness Centers at SCOE's Golden Hills Education Center and DUSD's Anderson Elementary School, Gretchen Higgins Elementary School, and Dixon High School.

Each Center will facilitate the delivery of a comprehensive set of mental health and wellbeing supports to students and serve as a hub for the coordination of training and technical assistance. The SSAE grant focuses on building relationships and systems that will ultimately allow the Centers to be sustained after the grant funding period ends. The goal is to significantly improve supports for the social, emotional, behavioral, health, and mental health needs of students and integrate those supports with their academic instruction. "We are very excited at the prospect of providing expanded social-emotional and mental health services that support our communities through the creation of school-based wellness centers. Our hope is to establish centers that can serve as a model within and outside of Solano County," stated Solano County Superintendent of Schools Lisette Estrella-Henderson.

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