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LMSV Awarded SBHSN's COVID-19 Student Support Recovery Grant



La Mesa-Spring Valley School District was notified this month that we are one of 25 recipients in the United States (and three in the state of California) to receive a mental health grant focused on supporting our students and families as we return to school. The grant is the School Based Healthcare Solutions Network, COVID-19 Recovery Grant.

The grant will provide ten fully funded, 12-month, licensed mental health providers to work at ten of our district schools for five years. The mental health professionals can work with students individually, in groups, provide support teachers, provide parent support and do a variety of other things that will help support our students. Based on the criteria of the grant and the data reviewed when applying, the sites that will be supported through the grant are Avondale, Casa de Oro, Kempton, La Mesa Dale, La Presa Elementary, Loma, Rolando, STEAM Academy, Spring Valley Academy and Sweetwater Springs Elementary. In addition, the grant provides \$50,000/year to the district to support the social-emotional needs of the students and schools.

The grant was led by the LMSV student support team and authored primarily by student support program manager, Jennifer Coronel. As Jennifer described, "Keeping our schools safe and healthy is a top priority in LMSV. Supporting the mental health needs for our students, staff and families is critical during these unprecedented times. The SBHSN COVID-19 Student Support Recovery Grant will enable us to provide the support that people in our community need." Jennifer and her team are working closely with principals and schools to develop detailed plans for implementing the resources of the grant.