



## ADAMHS Board Investing in Schools

The Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board of Erie County is providing new mental health & substance abuse services in school districts throughout the county. The funding, passed by the board in June of 2022 to serve districts from July 2022 through June 2023, totals over \$120,000.

Districts who successfully applied for funding include Bellevue, Edison, EHOVE, Huron, Margareta, North Point Alternative, Perkins, Sandusky, Sandusky Catholic, Townsend, and Vermilion Schools. This support will enable districts to provide various materials and services pertaining to mental health and/or substance abuse disorders and will serve more than 12,000 students in Erie County in grades ranging from kindergarten to 12th grade.

School districts applied to the board to fund several different services. For example, Vermilion Local Schools will receive just under \$15,000 to provide access to a mental health therapist for students. Edison Local Schools will receive just over \$13,000 to support the DARE program with a school resource officer. Finally, Margareta Local Schools will receive \$11,405 for core training materials to support the leader in me program.” The other eight districts receiving funding are providing services ranging from prevention to treatment services.

“The board is excited for the opportunity to work with our schools,” said Diane Taylor, executive director of the ADAMHS Board. “The tremendous need in our schools couldn’t be more evident, especially in light of the COVID pandemic. We are eager to help meet the need and support students in every area of Erie County.”

Unlike previous funding opportunities, the program established this year enables flexibility and choice for school districts. Leaders from each school district are able to identify mental health/substance abuse needs in their community and apply for program funding based on those needs. The board staff reviewed the applications for funding and ensured the programs met the board’s mission. Further, the board ensured each district across the county had the opportunity to apply for and receive funding.