



Bexley High School

# Bexley City School District

To provide educational experiences that engage, equip and empower each student.

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Hello!

As a member of the Bexley High School community, we want to share with you some exciting new shifts in the high school counseling department. We are (beyond) thrilled to announce that effective this August, we will have FOUR counselors at the high school! Additionally, we will move from having Mrs. Krosnosky as the identified Career & College Counselor to a model whereby you will work with your identified school counselor for all academic, social/emotional, career and college needs throughout your high school career.

## **Benefits of the New Model**

The benefits of this new model begin with a more personalized experience for all of our students. Four counselors at the high school greatly reduces our student to counselor ratio and allows our counselors to forge long-lasting relationships with our students. This relationship will allow the counselor to get to know the student and their families throughout their high school years. More effectively knowing your child throughout their academic career, beginning with their transition to high school, will ultimately aid in the selection of their post-high school path. The ability to provide this longitudinal perspective of a student and their entire school journey whether that is to industry, military or academic institutions at the conclusion of their high school experience is another benefit of these lasting relationships.

We heard our students loud and clear all school year, and especially this Spring, that they were looking for opportunities for peer to peer interactions, small group forums to discuss challenging topics and clear mechanisms for reporting to adults. In addition to working closely with classroom teachers for more frequent in-class guidance, counselors will also help moderate discussions between students that allow them to tackle challenging and relevant topics. Finally, each counselor will be paired with a teacher to build a grade level team of educators that will provide routine support for each class. Building a quality relationship with a trusted adult -- one that will last four years -- will give students greater ability to express their voice to an adult in a comfortable fashion.

We have many ideas about how best to use this increased support for our students. We are hopeful that our students and parents will recognize this commitment to supporting students regardless of their area of need. We are also hopeful that they will help us utilize this portion of our organization as effectively as possible. Please see below for some additional information and your opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback.

## **General Questions You May Have**

*\*I have met with Mrs. K about my college plans. How will my new counselor learn about my plans?*

Over the next few weeks, through the summer and into the fall, Mrs. K will begin the work of transferring information to your newly assigned counselor. We will work to get all newly assigned counselors “up to speed” on your plans thus far. The focus of our department structure will be collaboration. All counselors will work together to support students. When we don’t know something or need help, we reach out to one another. We are all here to help each other and, most importantly, you!

*\*I already have established a great working relationship with my school counselor. What if I don’t want to switch to a new person?*

While we would love to accommodate these requests, we cannot. You are well practiced at meeting new teachers every year and working well with them. A switch in counselor will work in the same way. Again, our focus is on transitioning you to our new model. While we do anticipate some challenges, we plan to make this successful for you.

*\*I have questions that you have not mentioned. How do I share them?*

We are hopeful that students will take time to respond to [this survey](#).

We want to hear from you and how this new switch will impact you. We want to support you during this change.

*\*What if my parents / guardians have questions?*

Parents / guardians are welcome to reach out to the high school directly (614) 231-4591, and are also encouraged to fill out [this survey](#).

As we develop our new department over the summer we will continue to update our webpage linked [here](#). As we receive questions we will continue to update this page and include additional information as it becomes available.

*\*Who is my school counselor next year?*

Counselor David Leland: Last Names A-E

Counselor Claudia Fugate: Last Names F-Le

Counselor Stephanie Krosnosky: Last Names Li-Ri

Counselor Sara Guidi: Last Names Ro-Z

**\*\*Counselors will soon be off duty for the summer, and both Ms. Fugate and Ms. Guidi have yet to officially begin their assignments for the 2021-2022 school year. Please know that Principal Robbins and Assistant Principal McMillen will be available throughout the summer if needed.**