

**Wilson School District
2601 Grandview Boulevard
West Lawn, Pennsylvania 19609-1324**

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Dear Parents,

Adolescence is a time when young people face many issues. Communication problems, mental health issues, and the temptation to experiment with drugs and alcohol are but a few examples. These issues can have a negative effect on a student's ability to learn and succeed in school. As such, Wilson School District's goal is to assist students before these problems can become unmanageable.

The Wilson School District recognizes the various needs of students and is committed to helping students and parents through our Student Assistance Program. The purpose of the Student Assistance Program (SAP) is to educate and identify students who may be struggling with issues and provide services which can be helpful to students and their families. Our mission is to assist students in succeeding academically, socially and emotionally in our community.

The Student Assistance Program provides support services that parents can select for their children. These services include but are not limited to individual counseling, referrals to community services, assessments and consultation. Our team also contracts with the Caron Treatment Center, a community agency that provides mental health and drug and alcohol assessments to students, which are free and confidential. These assessments are only conducted with parental permission, but provide many parents with a starting point for how to help their child who may be struggling. We have also contracted with Emotional Wellness, who will be providing out-patient services on site for students in need of this service.

The goal of the Student Assistance Program at Wilson School District is, with parental involvement, to assist students with removing barriers to their learning so they can become successful and productive members of their school and home communities. If you have any questions about the Student Assistance Program or concerns about your child, please contact me at 610-670-0185, x3954.

Sincerely,

**Michele Zawilla, MSW, LSW
Wilson School District Social Worker and Student Assistance Program Coordinator**