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Dear DuPage County School Administrators,

First of all, we wanted to take a moment and welcome you all back to the start of the 2022-2023 school year! As we all settle into the start of a new school year, we wanted to reach out, reconnect, and renew our partnership in supporting your students who currently, or in the future, may attend The Center for Student Success in Addison. The mission of the DuPage Regional Office of Education is "to collaboratively build and sustain a high quality countywide educational community for all youth". As part of the ROE, each of our respective programs looks to support this mission while being responsive to the needs of the forty-two districts represented within DuPage County.

Last year we shared our goals at the beginning of the year. While some have changed slightly, we have continued to strengthen our systems in order to grow our multi-tiered systems of support to have a greater impact on the students and families that we serve. At the Center for Student Success we are pleased to offer the following three programs for districts: Rebound (Students suspended 4-10 days), ALOP (GED), and Partners for Success (Students typically attend in lieu of expulsion for 1-4 semesters.) This year we are continuing to focus on the following areas:

- Ensuring that our teachers use Trauma Informed Practices in order to meet the diverse needs of students
- Bolstering students' social emotional learning by embedding these skills across the curriculum
- Engaging students in academically rigorous coursework that is aligned to the Illinois Learning Standards and leads to completion of students' middle school experience or high school students graduating college and career ready
- Providing ongoing professional learning for our staff focusing on further embedding Restorative Practices within our classrooms as well as investing in their professional growth and self-care needs

Over the course of the last year we have worked on improving a number of system-related items in order to improve our communication as well as our overall efficiency to better serve and support our respective districts. Below, you will find some of the highlights from this past year that you should have already seen or will see in 2022-2023:

- **NEW** CSS Transition Coordinator (Mr. Andy True)
- **NEW** ALOP/Rebound Student Referral Process and Application in addition to the PfS Referral Process and Application
- Updated PfS website @ https://www.dupageroe.org/services/partners-for-success
- Coming soon will be a new CSS website that will represent all three of our programs housed on our Addison Campus
- NEW Program Presentation of our programs that can be found on our PfS Website
- Course Curriculum Guides for all core subjects taught at Partners for Success
- Updated transition process and documentation for PfS students when returning to their home schools
- CSS District Survey to help us refine and evaluate our work based on your ongoing feedback



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As our continuing effort to best partner with you, we are happy to meet with home schools, present to Boards of Education, or serve as a resource with a difficult situation that may or may not lead to a placement in one of our programs. Please don't hesitate to invite us out as we would love to have the opportunity to share a little bit more about our programs and how we can best meet your students' needs.

Our commitment is to continue to meet the unique needs of the students who are enrolled at the Center for Student Success. We value the relationship we have with our DuPage County member schools and we look forward to partnering together throughout the 2022-2023 school year.

Sincerely,

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