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Dear School Mental Health Stakeholder,

Attached you will find the Indiana School-Mental Health Provider Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) developed by the Division of Mental Health and Addiction (DMHA) as required in Senate Enrolled Act 246.

The MOU is intended to provide best practices and to assist in creating and updating agreements between schools and mental health providers in accordance with the new requirement. The MOU is not intended to be used verbatim or to replace existing agreements between schools and providers. The MOU should be utilized as a way to ensure that all school-provider agreements include required language and components moving forward.

Section 2 of SEA 246 (IC 20-34-3-21) states that all school corporations and charter schools “shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with a community mental health center...or a provider certified or licensed by the state” effective July 1, 2020.

It is understood that finalizing an MOU between a school and mental health provider may take some time, especially as we are dealing with the effects of COVID-19. With schools planning for operations under the current pandemic environment, finalizing these agreements can and should be a part of those preparations. As such, schools and providers should use the remainder of the summer months prior to schools opening in August to execute the required MOU.

Thank you for your work in creating safe and supportive environments for Indiana students. If you have additional questions or feedback, please contact Bethany Ecklor at Bethany.Ecklor@fssa.IN.gov.

Sincerely,

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