


Spartanburg District 5
School Board Presentation
School Based Mental Health Services

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What does the research say....

On any given day, 20% of our student population meets the criteria as having a mental health diagnosis.

Of those 20%, 20% to 50% receive treatment.

The majority of children that receive services, receive them at school.

Providing school based mental health services reduces barriers for access for families (transportation, stigma, time).

Many mental health problems can be prevented.

Why is it important to provide school based
mental health services?

The common goal is 100% graduation.

We all want students to leave D5 college and career ready.

Healthy Minds= Students Coming To School

There is no health without mental health.

Mental wellness and earned wages are directly related.

Mental Health Services in D5

4 Spartanburg District 5 employed mental health therapists

6 Spartanburg Mental Health therapists

Access to psychiatrist through Spartanburg Mental Health

Partnership with Stepping Stones for services at D.R. Hill

Partnership with Middle Tyger Community Center

School Counselors, Nurses, SROs, School Staff

1 Graduate School Intern

2021-22 Data for District 5 Students

Referrals:	406
Student sessions:	4129
Family Sessions:	328
Threat Assessments:	26
Crisis Assessments:	81

THANK YOU....

**...for your time, your commitment, and
your belief in our students and
families!!!**