



REPORT: Student Investment Account (SIA) Update

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In 2018, the Oregon state legislature passed the historic Student Success Act (SSA), which provided Oregon school districts money directed at two purposes:

1. Meet students' mental or behavioral health needs
2. Reduce academic disparities and increase academic achievement

The SSA is divided into three pots of money. 50% of the money was placed in the Student Investment Account (SIA), 20% went to early learning, and the remaining 30% went to fully funding the High School Success act (measure 98). Through the SIA, Bend - La Pine Schools has seen an overall annual investment of \$13.2 million. Nearly half of the SIA has been invested in supporting the social, emotional, and mental health needs of Bend - La Pine students.

In the fall of 2019, Bend - La Pine Schools began the Excellence and Equity review which was a stakeholder engagement process designed to help prioritize how to invest the SIA. Based on the findings for the Excellence and Equity review, a large portion of the SIA is now invested to address health and safety needs of students, social and emotional support, and counseling. Specifically, stakeholders identified a need for social, emotional, and mental health support and interventions for students. Continuing to refer back to the findings from the Excellence and Equity review, the district chose to invest in over 60 new positions, including a new Director of Social, Emotional, and Mental Well-being, that would be the foundation of a new intervention program at every K-12 school in the district. After further research, Bend - La Pine Schools has partnered with BRYT and has begun implementation of the Student Success Program this fall.

Implementing school-based interventions is only one half of the coin. The end game is to establish a tiered system of support and universal programming for Social, Emotional, and Mental Well-being. The focus for fall/winter 2021 is to initially implement the Student Success program in all schools. Moving forward, Bend - La Pine schools will begin an SEL core curricula and integrated practices adoption process with the goal of a fall 2022 launch.

Currently, some schools are piloting core SEL programming at all levels and their experiences and feedback will be considered as part of the adoption process. Bend - La Pine Schools has budgeted \$250,000 to support the SEL core curricula and integrated practice adoption.