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Dr. Martin W. Bates, Superintendent
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Dear Dr. Bates:

As a consent agenda item at the February 2, 2021 Board of Education meeting, I recommend the approval of ongoing support for implementation of the Granite School District Comprehensive School Counseling program.

If there are any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Leslie Bell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L" and "B".

Leslie Bell
Assistant Superintendent
Student Learning and Support

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February 2, 2021







Granite School District Board of Education:

Thank you for your ongoing support for Granite School District's Comprehensive School Counseling Program. The program was first approved by the GSD Board of Education, April 1992. Each school year thereafter district College and Career Readiness leaders report to the Board as an information or consent item to meet a requirement outlined in *USBE Rule 277-462-4 (i) provide evidence of LEA governing board approval of the program*. We are honored to report that school counseling departments in all secondary schools continue to meet USBE and GSD counseling program standards and requirements and qualify to receive annual funding appropriated by the Utah State Legislature.

GSD's Comprehensive School Counseling Program:

- Aligns with the district's charge and responsibility, Board goals, and the five essential practices that support student achievement
- Reaches every student through individual planning, classroom instruction, and responsive services
- Utilizes data to identify achievement gaps and monitor student outcomes and program implementation

The following data chart captures a five year look at our progress toward college and career readiness indicators for graduating seniors:

<i>Granite School District</i>	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	<i>Future Goal</i>
 High School Graduation Rate	73%	75%	76%	75%	76%	90%
 College Enrollment Fall Semester after HS Graduation	47%	45%	47%	44%	33%	60%
 AP Exams Given (Grades 9-12)	4952	4734	4754	4964	5623	6000
 FAFSA Applications Completed by Seniors	1371	1836	1868	1827	1270	2500
 Regents' Scholarship Awards Seniors	241	254	311	275	146	400
 Average ACT Composite Score Seniors	18.8	18.7	18.7	18.6	18.5	22.0

Through program implementation, counselors ensure that all students develop an individualized course schedule, have knowledge of their interests and abilities, set and work toward goals, develop plans for school success today and for the future, and have access to all the options and opportunities available. In addition, parental involvement is a high priority.

Through our ongoing commitment and your endorsement, the impact of our program will continue to generate positive student outcomes over the next five years.

Respectfully,

Judith A. Petersen, Director

Kaye Poulton-Timm, Coordinator