

December 22, 2022

Re: Response to Public Records Act Request dated Dec. 11, 2022

Dear [REDACTED]

This correspondence will serve as the Davis Joint Unified School District's ("District") determination in response to your California Public Records Act ("CPRA") request received via email on Dec. 11, 2022, pursuant to California Government Code section 6253, subdivision (c). In this email, you specifically requested:

I've reviewed the meeting minutes and related articles from the Davis Vanguard and would like to learn more about your presentation to the SSC. My questions are specific to the DJUSD program through Davis CommuniCare that was started in 2021/2022:

1) How is the new program funded? I would appreciate you providing me with all district staff reports and/or contracts with Davis CommuniCare between 2020-2022.

The K-12 Partnership is funded with Mental Health Student Services Act (MHSSA) money. Yolo County Health & Human Services was awarded the grant and is responsible for distributing funding. Participating districts partner with a community-based agency, in our case Communicare, to offer school-based mental health services. The contract was signed in November, 2021 and they began to see students in January of 2022. We also have a separate MOU with Communicare and King HS that is unrelated to the K-12 Partnership. That contract is also attached.

2) Are the "clinicians on-site to provide individual therapy to students" at the Davis CommuniCare location (2051 John Jones Rd) or on the Davis school campuses? Who makes/schedules this therapy appointment for the DJUSD student? Can you provide parents with the names of the CommuniCare clinicians that meet with students?

Students who are referred through the K-12 Partnership see Clinicians on their school site. School Counselors make the referral and the CommuniCare staff schedule their appointments with the students. If the student is 12 or older and consents, a parent/guardian will be provided with the name of the clinician seen by the student.

3) Are DJUSD parents/guardians informed or required to give consent when their child meets with a Davis CommuniCare clinician?

Students 12 years of age and older are allowed to consent to their own mental health services so parent/guardian consent is not needed. That said, with the consent of the student, parents/guardians are often informed of the services their student receives on the school site with a CommuniCare clinician.

4) What additional services are provided to our DJUSD students at Davis CommuniCare in regard to students' sexuality and gender identity?

We do not have enough information to speak to the additional services provided at the Davis CommuniCare office for DJUSD students or any other students who access their services. They provide a wide array of services to the community.

Your request is being processed in accordance with the California Public Records Act or "CPRA." Under the CPRA, the District must notify a requesting party within 10 days from receipt of the Request whether the Request, in whole or in part, seeks copies of disclosable public records. If there are records subject to disclosure, the District is required to provide an estimated date and time when the records will be made available. The CPRA requires the District to release responsive records prepared, owned, used, or retained by the District, and which are not otherwise exempt from disclosure. The CPRA does not require the District to create records in order to respond to requests for public records.

District Response:

DJUSD has responded to each of your questions above and now considers this public records request completed.

Sincerely,

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