Carrollton Exempted Village School District

Initiative Type(s):
Services for homeless youth; Physical health care services; Student services provided prior to or after school

Community Partner(s):
A board of health of a city or general health district; Telemedicine for students and staff; Public hospital

Description of Initiative:
After seeing success in two other schools in Wayne County, Ohio, Aultman Orrville Hospital in Orrville, Ohio reached out to district leaders at Carrollton Exempted Village School District to develop a partnership to bring a telemedicine clinic to the district. Given that the closest hospital is 30 miles from Carrollton, Ohio, the district identified this partnership as a priority action item and immediately began working with community partners to create a plan for implementing this initiative. The district used Student Wellness and Success Fund dollars to construct the clinic, provide equipment and ensure that it was stocked with the appropriate human resources.

Initiative Benefits:
Carrollton Exempted Village School District is a rural district located in Carroll County. With a population of students and families who regularly have difficulty getting access to health care services, the district partnered with Aultman Orrville Hospital to construct a clinic that offered both telemedicine and in-person health care services for students and staff. The clinic gives students the opportunity to receive non-emergency medical services, which is particularly helpful for students who are not able to see a doctor for regular wellness check-ups. The district benefits because students are able to remain in school so they do not miss instruction time and the direct impact on academic performance that comes with a healthy student body.

Essential Staff and Partners:
Essential partners include Aultman Orrville Hospital, who provided logistical, billing, and planning support; Aultman Carrollton, which provides access to a physician and nurse practitioner; Carroll County Health Department, which provides lead nurse who operates the clinic; and Carrollton Exempted Village School District, which provided funding and directs its two school nurses to assist in clinic operations.

Action Steps to Get Started:
Carrollton Exempted Village School District met with leaders at Aultman Orrville Hospital—which had previously partnered with two districts in Wayne County to establish telemedicine clinics—to determine the best way to combine expertise and resources. Powered by the Student Wellness and Success Fund, they were able to plan and construct the clinic.

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NOTE: Student Wellness and Success Funds were used for this initiative.