

# Superintendent's Snapshot

## MARICOPA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

October 13, 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

### Maximizing Resources Through Project AWARE

Fostering mental well-being isn't just good for student health; it's essential for their academic success. That's why we're making every dollar count with the Project AWARE II grant.

#### Progress Highlights

- La Frontera/Empact led summer activities to build student confidence
- La Frontera/Empact promoted mental health services during Maricopa High School Open House
- BeAwesome and Desert Sunrise High School partnered to educate about substance abuse
- Horizon Health dedicated a Youth Engagement Specialist for crisis support and behavior coaching
- Nine counselors received clinical supervision to maintain certification
- Mental Health Taskforce prioritized bullying prevention, parental involvement, and mental health services

#### What's Ahead

- Strengthen bullying prevention with BeAwesome
- Host crisis prevention workshop with Arizona Department of Education

By aligning the Project AWARE grant with our district's goals, we're improving student mental health services and maximizing resources. We are laying the groundwork to ensure every student thrives.

Thank you for choosing MUSD.

Sincerely,



Dr. Tracey Lopeman, Superintendent  
Maricopa Unified School District