

Board Report: Role of the School Counselor

The role of school counselors within the Mountain View Whisman School District (MVWSD) as we transition to a comprehensive school counseling model aligned with the American School Counseling Association (ASCA) National Model will be examined this school year. The role of school counselors is important in balancing direct and indirect services to support student academic and social-emotional development. As we shift from using community-based CHAC counselors to district-employed school counselors as a cost-saving measure, we want to ensure that the new model meets student needs and aligns with district goals.

School Counselors are developing their school counseling program plan specific to their school site, which involves several key steps, including analyzing school data, developing program plans, and seeking stakeholder input to refine the counseling program. School counselors are expected to finalize their program plans by the end of September 2024, incorporating feedback from teachers, principals, and other stakeholders. The District will also engage in broader stakeholder feedback throughout the year on the role of the school counselor and the school counseling program. The Board of Trustees is scheduled to receive updates on the progress of the role of the school counselor in mid-year and end-of-the-year reports, ensuring that the role of school counselors is clearly defined and effectively integrated into the district's overall strategy for supporting student well-being.