

# Mental Healthcare Access for Children through Schools



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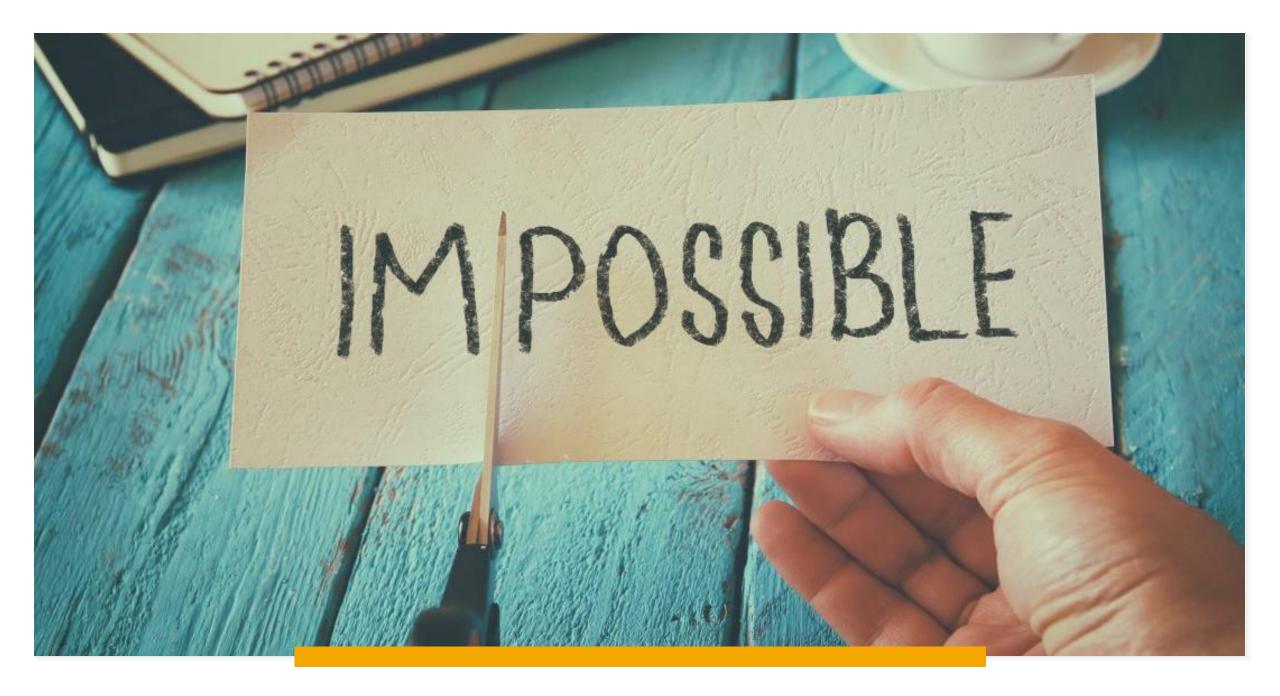






## Mental Health Services in MPS Today

- All MPS Schools
- Available to all students regardless of ability to pay
- Mental health clinicians working alongside teachers
- Culturally and linguistically sustaining
- Mirrors, not windows







# **Engage Partners**



- Health Providers
- Government Agencies
- Mental Health
   Collectives
- Culturally and linguistically Sustaining Outreach

### School-Based Mental Health Services

- Professional Development for Schools
- Family/School Engagement
- Client
   Confidentiality



# ROI Increased Attendance Decline in Suspensions Improved Academic Outcomes