



Good Afternoon,

As part of our ongoing effort to improve service to students, we are making a change to our counseling configuration. Unlike years past where we had only two counselors to serve student needs and one for college advisement, counselors will now be organized in an alphabetical alignment. Counselors will now work with students for all four years they are in high school which we feel will bring a more personal understanding to each student and their journey from high school to the world beyond. The following is the new configuration;

Students Last Name A-F    Darren Johnston  
Students Last Name G-M    Yesel Von Ruden  
Students Last Name N-Z    Jeff Rogers

This change was brought about through conversation within the department in conjunction with site and district administration. The return to a prior model will reduce the individual caseload to well below the state average and provide greater opportunities for students to receive attention. This also allows our counseling team to better integrate their services with our Assistant Principals and other support team members. We are also increasing the level of communication around offering supports between counselors and other individuals such as our school psychologist and the career center technician. The College and Career Center will still act as a hub of information and resources for students including college recruiter visits, Naviance college guidance, and career exploration programs.

During this transition we will solicit feedback through our student and parent groups to ensure students are getting full service college, social/emotional and academic guidance. This model is aligned to the American School Counselors Association standards which seek to serve a whole child. We ask that students work primarily with their new counselor so they receive appropriate feedback. I will be overseeing the department to make sure there is consistent communication about individual students who are moving from one caseload to another.

As with all adjustments our goal is to align to the school's vision of creating students who are connected citizens, high level thinkers and successful individuals in all facets of school.

Thank you,

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*"It's stasis that kills you off in the end, not ambition." -- Bono*