**School Leader Talking Points**

**This school year, children and families in [our community] can access affordable and confidential behavioral health care from the safety and convenience of [our school].**

* Our young people, today, face unique challenges to living their healthiest, happiest lives. Anxiety, depression, and other conditions are on the rise, making access to quality care more important than ever.
* In smaller and more rural communities, it can be difficult to go to the doctor without disrupting school attendance.
* With the help of the Ohio Department of Development's office of BroadbandOhio, children in [our community] can now connect with a behavioral health provider any time during the school day, ensuring they can thrive in school and beyond, wherever they live.

**We have a new resource to help students get ahead this school year by connecting them to the care they need, when they need it, through telehealth.**

* **Telehealth is affordable and convenient.** It’s easy to make referrals, and families can access this service regardless of their health insurance. And with students never needing to leave school for a doctor visit, both parents and their children will enjoy the flexibility telehealth provides.
* **Telehealth is discrete and confidential.** Students and parents will enjoy the same level of privacy, personalized care, and confidentiality they experience at a traditional doctor's office, but in a much more convenient, virtual format.
* **Telehealth is reassuring and effective.** Parents can rest assured knowing their children are receiving the highest quality of care, and students will gain confidence knowing support is just an email or phone call away.
* **Telehealth meets children where they are.** It connects students to the care and support they need while keeping them in the community they know and trust. Plus, children are already comfortable communicating virtually, making telehealth a familiar and empowering experience.

For more information, or to take advantage of our school telehealth program, please contact [our school nurse or principal].