

EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT SERVICES



When our students feel safe, healthy and supported, they thrive.

A new initiative for Denver Public Schools Foundation, Exceptional Student Services (ESS) ensures that all students can access and engage in learning, and experience belonging in their school communities. ESS promotes overall student well-being, which includes the special education services team, the mental health and student safety team, and nursing services. Support for ESS shows our students we stand behind them and also shows how critical it is for our community to commit to the mental health and safety of our students. We all have a role to play.



Areas of Impact

The DPS Foundation supports Care Solace, a local organization that helps navigate the mental health care system on behalf of DPS students and schools. A big thank you to Colorado Health Access Fund, a fund of the Denver Foundation, for funding this effort and making Care Solace something that our students, educators and families can utilize.



“School social workers and school psychologists have so many roles here in DPS, that having the additional support through Care Solace is substantial. It connects families immediately to the resources they need and is a huge partnership for not just our students and their families, but for the DPS staff members as well.”

- Kaylee, DPS School Social Worker

The Need

Programs within ESS that could benefit from funding support include training and development for social workers and school psychologists, external mental health partnerships, workforce pipeline efforts, and mental health first aid for all school staff.

About the Denver Public Schools Foundation

The DPS Foundation helps ensure that investment in our schools is directed in the most effective, impactful and lasting way. The 86,000 students in DPS are our future leaders, innovators, contributors and change-makers. With your help, we can ensure they have the education they deserve. For more information, please reach out via email at info@dpsfoundation.org or visit dpsfoundation.org.