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Mental Health Assistance Program 2019-2020 Submitted to: Superintendent Mark Porter Monroe County School District

A. Mental Health Allocation Plan

Big Pine Academy employs an ESE teacher / school counselor onsite to assist with students' mental health needs.

This support staff provides the following:

- Support in assessing the need for mental health support
- Intervention plans for specific students in the MTSS process
- Individual counseling of students
- Small group counseling
- Whole class lessons on wellness, suicide prevention, anti-bullying and healthy relationships
- Professional development training to instructional and non-instructional staff
- Parent workshops

The school counselor works with the Multi-tiered System of Supports (MTSS) Coordinator to assist staff in identifying students who need intervention based on behavior and/or social-emotional concerns. The counselor monitors intervention and provides assistance to staff on appropriate progress-monitoring.

The counselor also refers students in crisis for immediate mental health screening at the Guidance Care Center (GCC), working with District personnel to ensure that students have access to crisis counselors and immediate assessments. The counselor provides instructional programming at each grade level, upon request to help with self-esteem, character education, anti-bullying and health/wellness education. Examples of programs include:

- Second Steps Character Education
- Organwise
- Bibliography Therapy

B. Expenditures/ Expenditure Assurances

The Mental Health Assistance Allocation is used to fund the school counselor at the school. Additionally, funds are used to provide training and resources in creating preventative climates in classrooms. This allocation does not supplant other funding sources, increase salaries or provide staff bonuses.

C. Program Implementation and Outcomes

Students at risk are identified through the MTSS process. The students and/or any related incidents are tracked in the school district's SIS system, Focus.

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Monroe County Charter School Mental Health Assistance Allocation Plan Selection

It is the intention of Big Pine Academy Charter School to be included in the Monroe County School District Mental Health Assistance Allocation Plan.

Charter School Administrator Signature:

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Charter School Board President Signature:

Date approved by the charter school governing board: $\frac{7}{12}/19$

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