

January 15, 2026

Dear Superintendents and BOCES directors,

This morning, we received notice from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration (SAMHSA) rescinding the termination of our four-year SAMHSA grant. The 25-26 year is the fourth and final year of this grant which provides \$1.8 million to fund the Project AWARE program focused on expanding the capacity of state and district partners around student mental health, suicide prevention, and the prevention of substance abuse. Given the sudden and unexpected notice of termination we received on Jan. 13, 2026, we are pleased that this critical funding has been restored. We are working with our grantees and look forward to supporting them through these restored funds.

Warm Regards,

Susana Córdova