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## **Magnolia Public Schools Selects Care Solace for Mental Healthcare Services**

*Partnership provides an added layer of support to ensure families, faculty and staff connect to mental health services.*

**LOS ANGELES, CA and SAN DIEGO, Calif. November 20, 2020** – Magnolia Public Schools has selected Care Solace, an organization determined to calm the chaos of mental healthcare coordination, to extend access to mental health care and resources for families and staff. Care Solace equips school districts with a web-based tool that makes it easier to connect with both community-based and virtual mental healthcare providers and programs.

“If there is one thing we have learned from the stakeholder Mental Health and Wellness surveys during distance learning is that our families, staff, and students need additional support and guidance in navigating the mental health care system and access to providers, we believe Care Solace will fill that need,” said Dr. Brenda D. Lopez, Director of Student Services at Magnolia Public Schools. “They are the glue that connects our stakeholders to mental health or substance abuse providers and are available 24/7, we appreciate the feedback from all stakeholders in informing future partnerships for the benefit of all.”

Magnolia Public Schools will use Care Solace to support its mission of promoting mental health practices to our communities.

With Care Solace, families and staff gain access to a dedicated Care Concierge team, with experts available around-the-clock to guide users through processes related to insurance, provider availability, wait times and scheduling. Care Solace’s care navigation system uses proprietary technology and a vast database of behavioral and mental healthcare resources to find carefully vetted therapists and programs in minutes.

“MSA-7 is a small, community school that feels like a family. Just like family, we’re here for each other during times of need and challenge,” said Meagan Wittek, Principal of

Magnolia Science Academy - 7. “Care Solace is just one more way that we can be here for our community members -by connecting them with the support and resources they need to get through those challenging times.”

More than 90,000 school staff and parents at partnering school communities of Care Solace used the pre-screening tool, with at least 40,000 students receiving mental healthcare support as a result. Care Solace has facilitated an estimated total of 4,500 crisis interventions.

“Creating a healthy environment for learning in the 2020-21 school year has arguably never been more challenging for staff and families,” said Chad Castruita, founder of Care Solace. “We are proud to support Magnolia Public Schools in prioritizing the wellbeing of its school community by providing timely access into mental healthcare services.”

Care Solace is now available to Magnolia Public Schools families and staff. For more information about Care Solace, please visit <https://home.caresolace.com/>.

### **About Magnolia Public Schools**

Magnolia Public Schools is a high-performing network of 10 public charter schools in Los Angeles, San Diego and Orange counties that provides a college preparatory educational program emphasizing science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM). Magnolia’s mission is to prepare students to succeed in college through a rigorous academic program while reinforcing core values through character development classes that cultivate respect for self and others. Magnolia’s vision is to create scientific thinkers who contribute to the global community as socially responsible and educated members of society. [www.magnoliapublicschools.org](http://www.magnoliapublicschools.org)

### **About Care Solace**

Care Solace is on a mission to calm the chaos associated with mental healthcare coordination for high school and college students. The organization’s web-based system

works alongside multi-tiered systems of support (MTSS) as a tool for school staff and families to connect with community-based mental healthcare resources and providers. The proprietary care navigation system taps into a vast database of mental healthcare resources to find carefully vetted local therapists and programs in minutes. In 2019, more than 80,000 school staff and parents used the Care Solace pre-screening tool. At least 30,000 students received mental healthcare support as a result. To learn more, visit [www.caresolace.com](http://www.caresolace.com).

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