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Dear Smethport Families,

We are very excited to share that the Smethport Area School District is participating in a pilot program with **Kooth**, a program that will provide students with access to a personalized, digital mental health platform. This is being funded through the PA Department of Human Services and will be available 24/7, at no cost to families of students in grades 7-12 beginning Tuesday, January 24, 2023.

Kooth was founded in the United Kingdom in 2001 and for the last 15 years has been the UK's leading provider in effective online mental health support. This resource creates easy to access online mental health services and provides compassionate and effective support for young people.

Students can access support for any issue they may be experiencing through peer-to-peer, self-help tools, and chat-based counseling sessions. All materials on **Kooth** are pre-moderated to ensure all content is safe and helpful for students.

Once we are live, students will be able to register on any device at **us.kooth.com**. We hope you will encourage your student(s) to try out this helpful resource!

Regards,

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