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- ★ Plymouth Harbor Academy services 48 students
 - 32 Seniors (5 graduating in January)
 - 3 of the 5 are enrolled in college classes at Quincy and CCCC
 - 8 Juniors
 - 8 Sophomores
- ★ 14 new students this Spring semester
- ★ PHA's dedicated staff includes 1 Director, 5 teachers (including 1 Special Educator), 1 Adjustment/Guidance School Counselor and 3 - 0.5 paraprofessionals (1 serving as a Job Coach and driver of the school van)



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- ★ Cost saving program providing alternative setting for students at risk for outplacement or dropout
- ★ PHA programs are geared toward providing students relevant, project based learning opportunities relative to their life now and in the future
- ★ Support students who have the desire to earn their high school diploma, but may have experienced academic difficulties, poor attendance, social/emotional difficulties and/or behavioral challenges
- ★ PHA tries to eliminate student stressors by creating a student-focused environment, catered to individual learning styles



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- ★ PHA is increasing the work-study program, helping students:
 - Complete job applications;
 - Develop interview skills;
 - Find job opportunities that not only match their skills and interests, but also allow them the opportunity to grow professionally
- ★ Students have also received assistance with learner's permit and driver's license applications, where transportation is oftentimes an obstacle for students to get to work
- ★ One student is enrolled at Diamond Aesthetics Academy; Lynn, MA



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West Elementary CARE program

- ❖ Student-mentor program
- ❖ PHA students will be formally trained in mentoring younger students in a positive productive way
- ❖ Perfect way for PHA's young adults to give back to the school system and their community
- ❖ PHA students prepare a lesson to present to WES Care Program students
- ❖ Lessons cover life skills and emotional health



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HiPoint Counseling Services

- ❖ In-school therapy program for students
 - Provided in response to student requests for assistance
 - Bypasses waitlists for outside counseling
 - Eliminates transportation barriers for students
 - Provides opportunities for students to meet with HiPoint Counselor weekly at school
 - Allows students to address their mental health, resulting in higher academic achievement



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Quincy College

❖ College/Job Fair

- Juniors and Seniors have been invited to job fair in Spring, 2024
- Students will be educated on employment opportunities
- Education & skill sets needed to attain positions of interest will be addressed
- Assist students with an employment/education plan beyond high school



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Quincy College

- ❖ Dual Enrollment Program
 - Expand PHA course offerings
 - Provide students the chance to study at PHA campus while in high school and transition to Quincy College Plymouth campus
 - Even if students choose not to pursue higher education immediately after graduation, PHA students will have familiarity with a local college



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Summer Youth Works Program

- ❖ Partnered with Youth Works program to provide student employment
- ❖ 10 students participated
- ❖ Placements included:
 - Custom Detail
 - Plymouth Full Year
 - Hiltzy's Property Maintenance
 - Colonial Fuel Inc.
 - Head in the Cloud Art
 - Tavern on the Wharf
 - Youthworks Online



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