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BHSD Voices - Extended School Day Program

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Hi, this is Sean Gallagher -- Brookings-Harbor School District Superintendent. Is your high school student struggling and not sure how to catch up? We recently added to our student support staff at Brookings-Harbor High School to help your high school student succeed in their classes.

Gretchen Francisco is the newly hired Extended School Day program coordinator. The Extended School Day program offers tutoring, computer support, snacks, and a late bus ride home three days per week for students at Brookings-Harbor High School.

All freshman and sophomore students with F grades are referred into the program, but any student needing help is welcome to attend after school on Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursdays.

In addition, Ms. Francisco visits classrooms throughout the day to work one-on-one with students who are struggling or failing. She communicates with parents, schedules student and volunteer tutors, and provides office hours during the school day to help students make a plan for success. This is an awesome opportunity for students to take a proactive approach to maintain the high academic expectations needed to graduate ready for college and careers.

The extended school day program was launched in Fall 2017 and the hiring of our new coordinator has allowed the program to expand to three days per week.

Funding for the new position comes from the recently passed Measure 98 or “High School Graduation and College and Career Readiness Act.” It is intended to increase graduation rates by helping students stay on-track. At this time, study snacks are provided via donations from the Brookings Harbor Community Helpers Emergency Food Bank.

After just a few weeks with the new coordinator, our district is seeing a noticeable increase in completed assignments. The Extended Day Program is a game changer in the district's quest to ensure that "Every Student Can Succeed" here at Brookings-Harbor School District.