There is widespread concern about planning for the mental health needs of students and school staff in the aftermath of the hurricane.

We have been gathering what information we can access, and we have also put together a few brief guidance notes to encourage school planning around some key matters. One thing is eminently clear: some heroic efforts are being made to welcome and provide support for those who are displaced due to the gulf coast storms.

Attached is (a) a synthesis of what we have found out so far about what is happening and (b) the brief guidance notes.

We are using the ENEWS listserv as another step in circulating this material widely.

We encourage you to forward it to anyone who might find it useful.

We will continue to act as a conduit for sharing information and strategies and for interchange. We are asking everyone to let us know if there is something that should be communicated.

Just email us, and we will do all we can to facilitate sharing and communication.

And, let us know what else you think we might do to help.

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