**INTRODUCTION TO TRAUMA**

**School Year 2023-2024**

The Missouri Model: A Developmental Framework for Trauma-Informed Pursuant to Missouri Senate Bill 638, Section 161.1050, the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has established the “Trauma-Informed Schools Initiative.”

For the purposes of this initiative, the following terms are defined as follows:

 “Trauma-informed approach” –an approach that involves understanding and responding to the symptoms of chronic interpersonal trauma and traumatic stress across the lifespan

 “Trauma-informed school” – a school that:

1. Realizes the widespread impact of trauma and understands potential paths for recovery
2. Recognizes the signs and symptoms of trauma in students, teachers and staff
3. Responds by fully integrating knowledge about trauma into its policies, procedures and practices; and
4. Seeks to actively resist re-traumatization

The Swedeborg School district is providing information on Trauma –Informed School on our web site: <http://www.swedeborgpanthers.com>

We are also providing a DESE approved web link to a Missouri Institute of Mental Health training video titled “Introduction to Trauma” [Trauma Video](https://mimhtraining.com/introduction-to-trauma/#page-content)

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