

### Elementary School Counseling Grant

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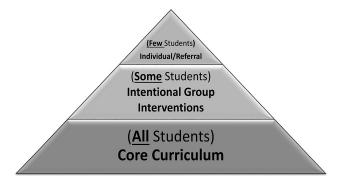


## **Grant Program Description**

- <u>Federal Elementary & Secondary School</u>
   <u>Counseling Grant</u>
  - \$349,618 yearly
  - \$1,048,854 million over 3 years
- Grant funding for:
  - · Four school counselors
  - School counseling materials
  - Second Step curriculum
  - Program evaluation
  - Professional development



## Elementary Grant Delivery of Services





## **Grant Program Description**

• **Goal 1:** Implement a comprehensive elementary school counseling program that is data-driven

- Objectives:
  - Hire four highly qualified school counselors
  - Provide extensive training and support for school counselors and school staff
  - Systematically screen, assess, and provide appropriate prevention and intervention services



#### **Prevention Goal**

<u>Goal 2</u>: Ensure <u>all students</u> develop the *knowledge*, attitudes, and skills that will lead to behaviors that support academic achievement

#### **Objectives:**

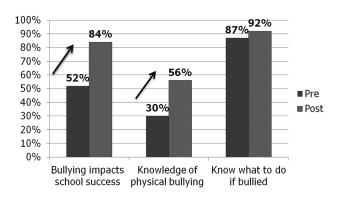
- 10% decrease in overall discipline referrals
- 10% decrease in N's and U's in learner responsibilities
- 10% increase in feelings of safety on California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS)
- 10% increase in proficient & above on Math/ELA



# School-Wide Curriculum: Activities Addressing Goal 2

- School Culture and Connectedness:
  - 465 Classroom Core Curriculum Lessons
    - Bully prevention, Second Step, test preparation
  - 254 Trained in Conflict Resolution (Peace Patrol)
    - Playground conflict mediators, problem solvers, positive decision makers
  - 51 Parent Education Trainings
    - Drug and bully prevention, positive parenting, managing behavior, attendance
  - 50 Community Partnership/Referrals
    - North County Lifeline, Family Forces, Rady Children's Hospital

# Results of Bully Guidance Curriculum Lesson Pre-Post





## Intervention Goal: "Some Kids Need More"

• **Goal 3:** Identify data-driven **systematic interventions** for students experiencing barriers to academic success

#### Objectives:

- 10% decrease N's and U's on Learner Responsibilities
- 10% decrease discipline referrals & suspensions
- 10% decrease in unexcused absences

	Learner Responsibilities				
S	E - Excellent S - Satisfactory G - Good N - Needs Improvement U - Unacceptable				
			1st	2nd	3rd
	Follows school and playground rules Follows class rules		N	S	
			N	S	
	Follows directions/Lis	is directions/Listens attentively		s	
	Demonstrates self-control Works independently		N	S	
			N	S	
	Treats others with co	urtesy and respect	S	S	
	Demonstrates organizational skills Starts and completes class work on time		S	S	
			N	S	
	Completes homework	k on time	N	S	



### **Collecting Data by Need**

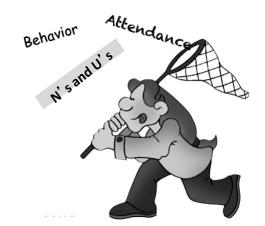


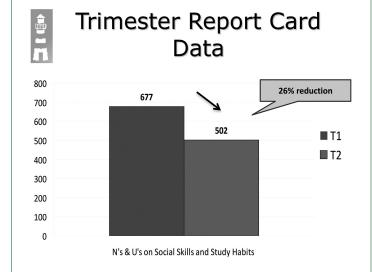
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## School-Wide Activities Addressing Goals 2 and 3

- Small Group Counseling Interventions
  - 128 Total Groups
    - 257 Students serviced through Social Skills Groups
    - 225 Students serviced through Study Skills Groups

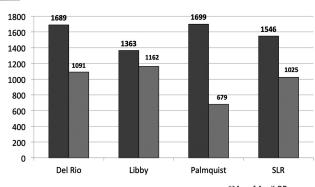
#### Positive Discipline and Individual Support

- Individual counseling and monitoring
- Collaboration with staff in PLC/SST/IEP meetings
- Behavior support plans/positive reinforcement
- Post-discipline reflections
- Parent contact

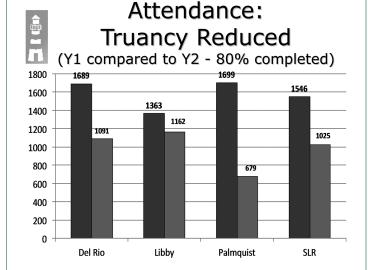




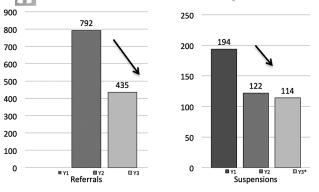
## Attendance: Truancy Reduced (Y1- Y2\*)



\*\*As of April 25



# Grant Sites Reduction of Referrals and Suspensions



#### \*Y3 is 80% of the year - as of April 25



## Moving Forward...

- Address other data not yet presented in presentation
- Evaluate and assess school practices and culture
- Improve the implementation of the elementary school counseling grant program at all four schools
- Fine tune the structures and best practices to develop systemic sustainability of a comprehensive school-wide counseling program



#### **Testimonials**

#### Principal

"Our school is <u>fortunate</u> to have an elementary counselor who provides <u>outstanding</u> interventions, counseling, and support programs for all students and families. She ensures that all students are in a <u>safe</u> and comfortable environment.

She has earned the respect of the staff, students, and families. We are thankful to have her on our staff, serving the kids and their families."

#### Teacher

"I can't imagine <u>not having</u>
<u>her at our school</u>.
She <u>understands</u> that <u>when</u>
<u>kids are not happy, they</u>
<u>struggle with learning."</u>

#### Student

"In social skills group, I learned how to control my anger so that I don't get into fights anymore."



### Closing

Through the school counseling program, each school counselor strives to guide all students to achieve their full potential in order to contribute to their academic success.

Thank you to the OUSD School Board, District Office, and to our administrators, teachers, school staff, and parents for supporting the school counseling program!