

San Marino Unified School District Professional Development Presentation

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Universal Design for Learning



Universal Design for Learning (UDL)



Why?

Create Expert Learners who are...

- Purposeful, Motivated
- Knowledgeable, Resourceful
- Strategic, Goal Oriented

What?

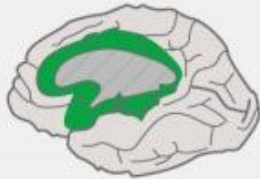
- A framework to improve & optimize teaching & learning for all based on scientific insights into how humans learn.

How?

Providing Options for students in...

- Engagement
- Representation
- Action & Expression

AFFECTIVE NETWORKS:
THE **WHY** OF LEARNING



Engagement

RECOGNITION NETWORKS:
THE **WHAT** OF LEARNING



Representation

STRATEGIC NETWORKS:
THE **HOW** OF LEARNING



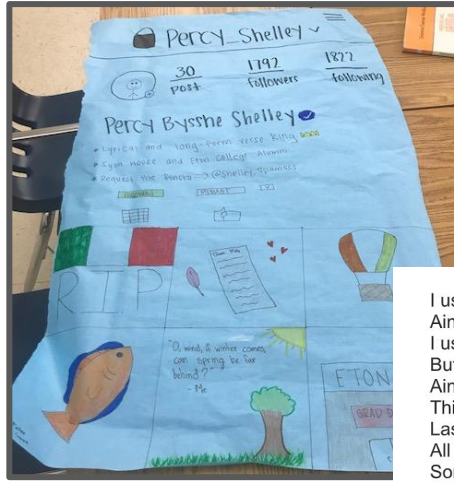
Action & Expression

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• Rebecca Boet ¹²	3 rd	Carver
• Amanda Ryan ¹²	5 th	Carver
• Gail Denham ¹²	Kindergarten	
Carver		
• Sarah Morris ¹²	1 st	Carver
• Michael Lin ¹	Administrator	Carver
• Courtney Meier	5 th	Carver
• Sherry Lee	5 th	Carver
• Megan Lee	3 rd	Carver
• Melanie Thomas	Kindergarten	Carver
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• Allison Shui ¹²	2 nd	Valentine
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• Colleen Shields ¹	Administrator	Valentine
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• Donna Cox	4 th	Valentine
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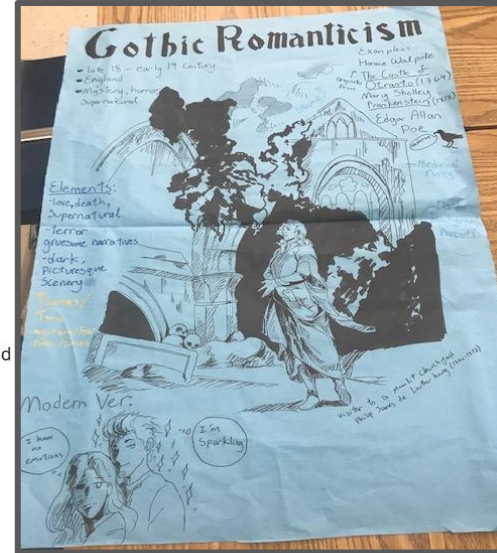


I usually don't speak about this, but
 Ain't no any poets saying nothing
 I usually have an ode to write
 But this time I'm gon' be quiet (this time)
 Ain't nothing like the feeling of uncertainty, the eeriness of silence
 This time, it was so unexpected
 Last time, it was the poems he was writing
 All legends fall in the making
 Sorry truth, dying young, demon youth
 What's the 27 Club?
 We ain't making it past 25
 I been going through tuberculosis
 So I always gotta keep a pen
 That's the world we live in now
 Yeah, hold on, just read my ode
 They tell me I'ma be a legend
 I don't want that title now
 'Cause all the legends seem to die out
 What's romanticism about?
 I'm writing *Lamia*
 I'm writing *Isabella*
 I'm writing *Endymion*
 More importantly, I'm tryna change the world
 Maybe flex with my some boldness, yeah



"I think one thing I was worried about is that I wouldn't be able to check in with every student. I actually find that I have a better understanding of where my class is with these strategy lessons because the students are asking more questions and are more engaged."

-Heather Floyd, Grade 4, Valentine Elementary



"I was hesitant about using UDL because I thought it would increase my workload quite a bit. I found though, it has added very little extra work and has made class exciting for students and I enjoy seeing their end results. Students seem happier that they can choose different ways to show their understanding and I have gotten to see a lot of my students' talents and interests that I had not known before."

-Zainab Mamdami, English, SMHS

SPORT²



What?

- Suicide Prevention Ongoing Resiliency Training aligning practices and policies with [AB2246](#), MTSS, and PBIS.

Why?

- 2nd leading cause of death ages 10-17
- Steady rise since 2007
- Majority the result of un/undertreated mental illness
- Adults responsible for prevention in school and community.

How?

- 4/5 who die by suicide demonstrate warning signs
- Critical for gatekeepers to know risk factors & warning signs of youth suicide & procedures for identifying & intervening.



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Trained Facilitators

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- Laura Ives, Counselor - SMHS
- Breanna McGuire, Psychologist - Valentine
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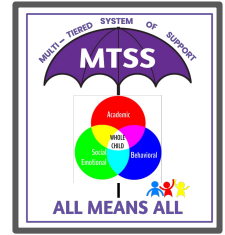
Upcoming Trainings...

- Crisis Team Training - March 5
- School Site Staff Training - March 10, 17, 24, 31
- Parent Information Night - May 5

Summer/Continued Training

- Continued refinement of processes and procedures to increase communication and consistency of practice across school sites.

Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS)...



What?

- Layered framework of delivery that involves increasing intensity of support and interventions based on stakeholder response.

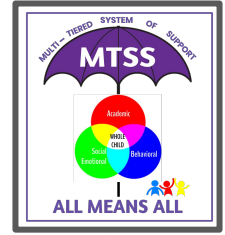
Why?

- Provide early targeted support to social, emotional, behavioral, and academically struggling students so they can catch up with their peers without the need for special education or 504 Plan services.

How?

- Tier 1: Whole Class, 100% (2939)
- Tier 2: Small Group Interventions, ~20% (587)
- Tier 3: Intensive, Individualized Support, ~5% (146)

Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS)...



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Summer Planning and Development...

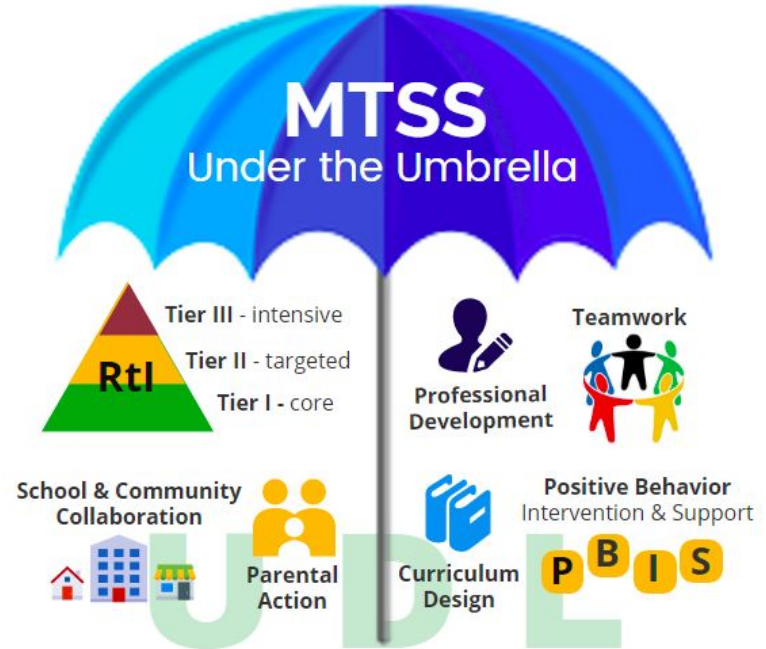
- First Week of June
- Full Team of Facilitators
- Administration and Teacher Advisors

2020-21 Training...

- School Site Staff Training
- Parent Information Night

2020-21 Professional Development

- Continued UDL training and support.
- Continued MTSS training and support.
- Continued SPORT² follow up training.
- Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS)
- Trauma Informed Practices
- Professional Learning Communities (PLC)
- Middle to High School Pathways.
- Increased Access to Honors and AP courses.



Thank You!
Questions?