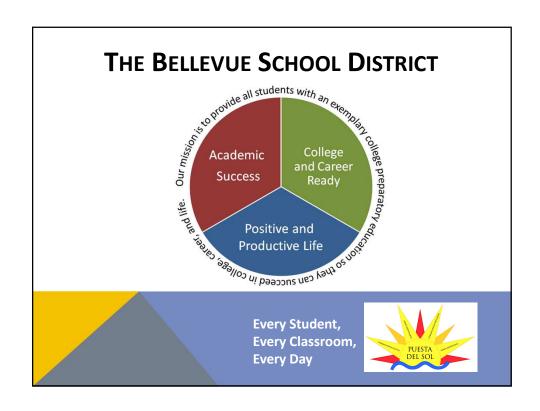


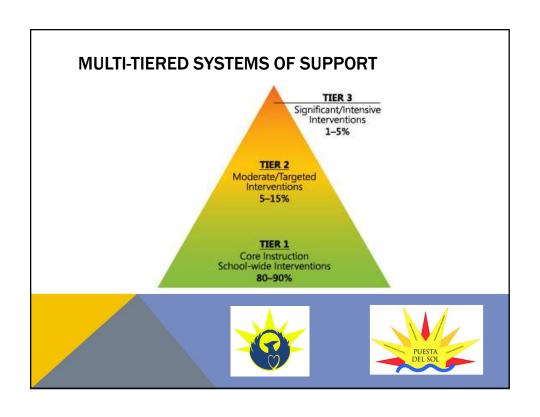
TODAY'S PTA PRINCIPAL COFFEE

- I. Student Support Process in BSD and Puesta del Sol
- II. Student Services Teams at Puesta del Sol
- III. Q&A









MULTI-TIERED SYSTEMS OF SUPPORT - TIER 1

Modifying <u>instruction</u> through <u>differentiation</u> to meet students' diverse learning needs.

Differentiate Content, Process, Products and/or Learning Environment

Examples may include:

- > Varied reading materials
- > Daily 5 (Los cinco diarios) with diverse literacy activities
- Varied groupings—large, small, or individual
- > Amity instructional assistance
- > Manipulatives, hands-on supports, Total Physical Response
- > Varying length of time for tasks
- > Collaborative and independent tasks





MULTI-TIERED SYSTEMS OF SUPPORT - TIER 2

Organizing group-level supports in classrooms and grade levels based on patterned needs.

Academic Examples may include:

- > Targeted small group instruction on Reading fluency, Math facts, etc.
- Reading Clubs
- > Focused Amity support
- Added small-group instruction during independent activity time (exploraciones, silent reading, Dream Box, etc.)





MULTI-TIERED SYSTEMS OF SUPPORT - TIER 3

Identifying and attending to high-level individual academic needs.

Tier 3 Academic Examples may include Tier 2 Supports and:

- Individualized instruction during class-wide activity time (exploraciones, silent reading, Dream Box, etc.)
- Focused skill development practice with Amity intern or VIBES volunteer
- Family study and academic support plan
- Referral to Step 1 and Step 2 Student Services Supports
- Possible evaluation and qualification for 504 Plan or IEP via Special Education





MULTI-TIERED SYSTEMS OF SUPPORT - TIER 1

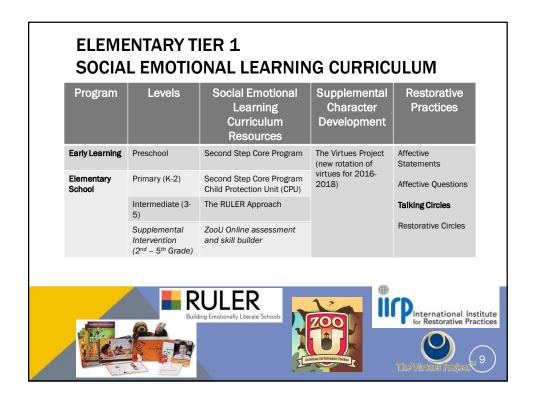
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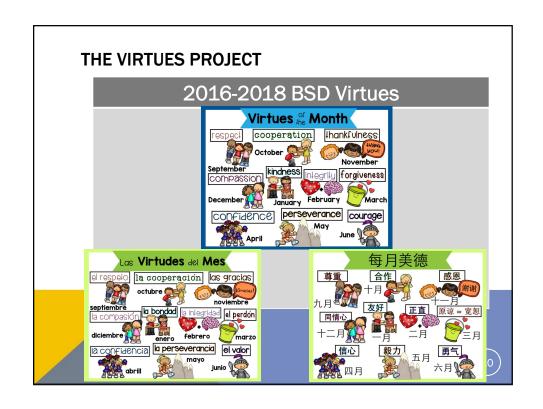
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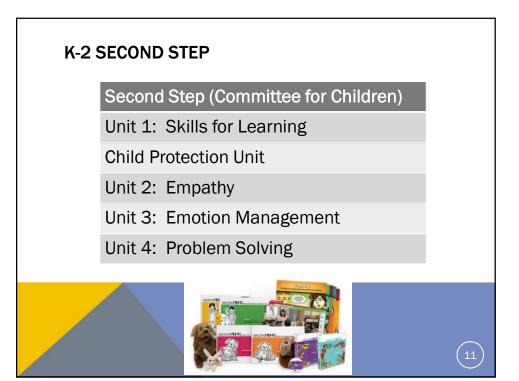
- Second Step Curriculum and Child Protection Unit in K-2
- > Yale's RULER (Mood meter, Class Charter)
- > DESSA-mini screening tool for social-emotional competence
- Community building activities
- ➤ Monthly Virtues with Virtues Assemblies
- ➤ Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS) (School-wide expectations, common lessons)
- > Panorama Student Survey in Grades 3-5

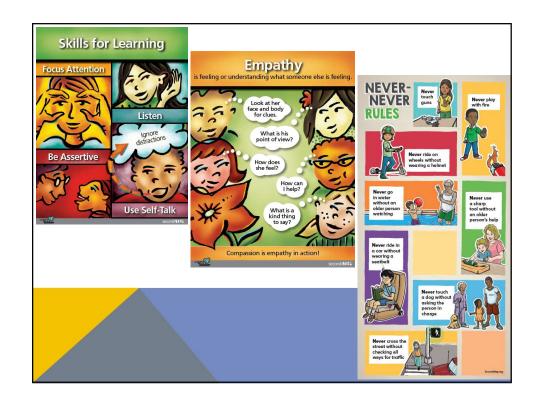




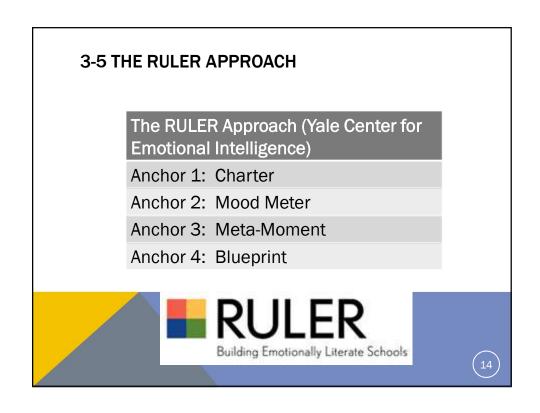


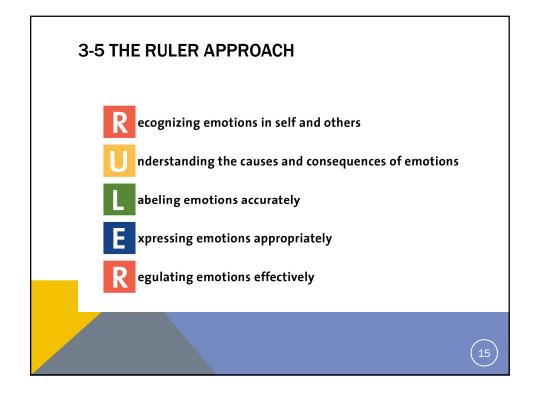


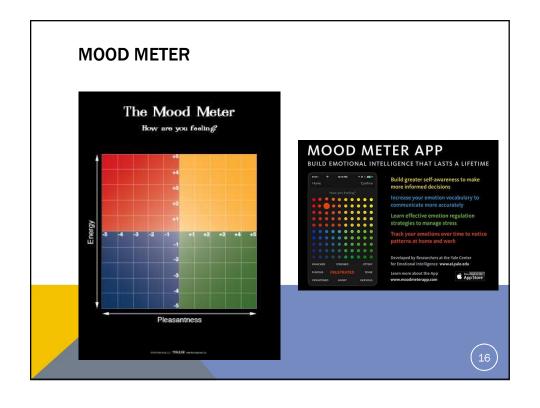


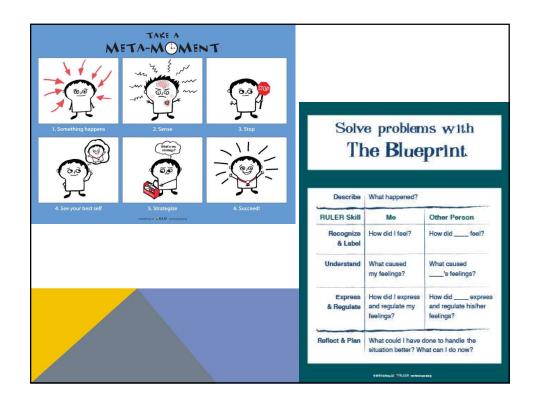


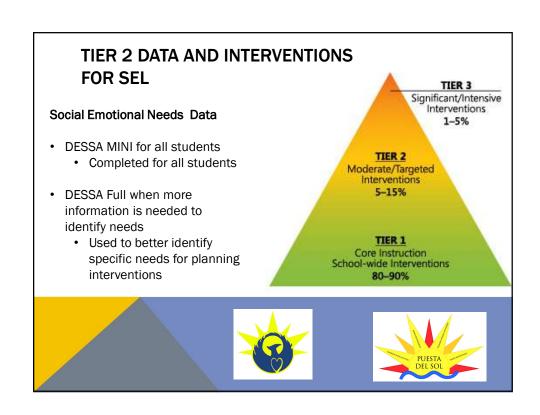




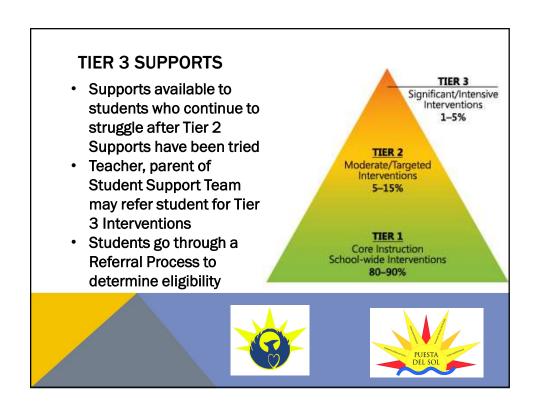








TIER 2 DATA AND INTERVENTIONS Social Emotional Learning TIER 3 Significant/Intensive Tier 2 Interventions Interventions 1-5% Zoo U - Online tool to teach SEL skills to students TIER 2 Moderate/Targeted Interventions **Additional Classroom lessons** 5-15% based on overall classroom need **Small Group Intervention-Small** groups of students meet with TIER 1 Core Instruction School-wide Interventions counselor to develop skills to address needs. Usually meets 80-90% weekly for 6-8 weeks



IF A STUDENT IS EXPERIENCING SUSTAINED DIFFICULTIES WITH ACADEMICS OR SEL:

Step 1 – (Problem Solving Team)

- Teacher, admin, counselor, ITCL teacher leader, (possibly other grade level colleagues and parent/guardian)
- Review student's strengths and areas of concern, including possible root causes
- Brainstorm Tier 2 supports/interventions to try
- Determine interventions and sets goals for the student's progress that are measureable and observable





PROGRESS MONITORING

- ➤ If student is making satisfactory progress, parent is notified and intervention is continued until no longer needed
- ➤ If student is not making satisfactory progress, new intervention/s may be initiated

Or...

➤ The students may be referred to Step 2 (Referral Team) to consider whether an evaluation is warranted





STEP 2 - REFERRAL TEAM

- In attendance: Parent/guardian, teacher, admin, school psychologist, Special Education teacher, and (when possible) counselor
- Purpose of team is to determine if an evaluation is warranted following interventions
- Outcome:
 - > Teacher and team leave with consensus on next steps
 - Parent/guardian leave with home support plan or next steps
 - Team determination to move on to evaluation for 504/IEP





STEP 3 - ELIGIBILITY TEAM

- ➤ Between Step 2 and Step 3 a Special Education or 504 evaluation occurs
- In attendance: Parent/guardian, teacher, admin, school psychologist, Special Education teacher, and (when possible) counselor
- Outcome: Special Education IEP, 504 Plan or continue with Tier 2/3 supports





504 PLAN

- ➤ A 504 Plan is a legal document that provides a student with accommodations in the classroom
- > The student must have a diagnosis of some kind such as ADHD
- ➤ The 504 team consisting of parent, teacher, counselor and administrator meet to determine eligibility and what accommodations are needed
- ➤ 504 Plan lasts for a year unless changes are needed before the year
- Examples of accommodations are preferential seating, extra time, provision for classroom breaks, etc.
- > A 504 plan does not provide specialized instruction





INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PLAN (IEP)

- ➤ An IEP provides a qualified student with accommodations as well as specially designed instruction by the special education teacher.
- > Student must qualify for an IEP with an evaluation and meet state and District requirements for qualification.





LEARNING DISABILITIES

For the purposes of special education, to qualify under the category of Specific Learning Disability, a student must have a severe discrepancy between measured cognitive ability and academic achievement as measured by state approved tests. In general, a student needs to be at least two grade levels behind to qualify.





What are Learning Disabilities?

From the federal special education law, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), a "specific learning disability" (SLD) is:

"a disorder in one or more of the basic psychological processes involved in understanding or in using language, spoken or written, which disorder may manifest itself in the imperfect ability to listen, think, speak, read, write, spell, or do mathematical calculations. Such term includes such conditions as perceptual disabilities, brain injury, minimal brain dysfunction, dyslexia, and developmental aphasia. Such term does not include a learning problem that is primarily the result of visual, hearing, or motor disabilities, of mental retardation*, of emotional disturbance, or of environmental, cultural, or economic disadvantage."

*Now known as intellectual disability.

From The State of Learning Disabilities: Facts, Trends and Emerging Issues (2014)



What are Learning Disabilities?

What we know about LD:

- Arise from neurological differences in brain structure and function
- Affect a person's ability to receive, store, process, retrieve or communicate information
- Considerable frequency of genetic links to LD, ADHD and related disorders within members of the same family
- LD also as consequence of impacts to brain development before and during birth (e.g., maternal malnutrition)
- ➤ Postnatal events resulting in LD may include traumatic injuries, severe nutritional deprivation and environmental toxins

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Associated Deficits and Disorders Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD):

A brain-based disorder that results in significant inattention, hyperactivity, distractibility or a combination of these characteristics.

It is estimated that as many as one-third of those with LD also have ADHD, and like learning disabilities, this disorder is linked both to heredity (genetics) as well as to brain structure and function.

Unlike LD, features of this disorder can be attributed to neurochemical imbalances that can be effectively treated with a combination of behavioral and, as needed, pharmacological therapies.

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ADHD

- ➤ ADHD is a medical diagnosis and school staff cannot diagnose it.
- ➤ If you think your child may have ADHD, consult with your physician. The school can provide information to help with the diagnosis.
- ➤ If the student is diagnosed, and requires accommodations, contact the counselor to set up a 504 meeting.
- Students with ADHD or other health conditions do not automatically qualify for special education. The student must also be significantly low in an academic area and qualify for specially designed instruction.





IF YOU HAVE A CONCERN ABOUT YOUR CHILD

If you are concerned about your child's progress in either academics or behavior, first make an appointment to speak with the classroom teacher.

- ➤ The teacher can give you an idea of where the child falls in the range of the class and how he/she performs in the classroom
- ➤ The classroom teacher can explain what support the student is receiving in the classroom
- ➤ The teacher may suggest a Step 1 Team meeting to discuss the concerns





