





Promising Learners Project Symposium January 10, 2024



Ways to Welcome! Engage, Connect, and Imagine the Possibilities for ALL Students!



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Meet the CDOL TEAM

"Collaboration is our magic!"



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PLP Purpose & Goals

Through innovative and intentional Professional Learning and Coaching, expertly infuse art disciplines and Social-Emotional Learning across content areas. To learn the best practices to engage the disengaged- the At Promise youth that are chronically absent.

Youth Engagement

Increase Youth Engagement

Positive Learning Environment

Increase safe and positive learning environments for youth



Family & Community

Increase family and community engagement

Chronic Absenteeism

Decrease chronic absenteeism



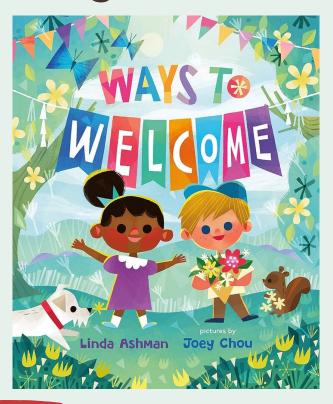


PLP Grant Details:

- District contracts and Scope of Works (SOWs) are currently in process.
- The PLP Leadership Team will be scheduling a meeting with district leads to go over payment schedules.
- Grant funds may be used for:
 - Contracted services and direct service providers for students or professional development for staff
 - Direct costs associated with programmatic interventions such as training and release time, project materials/supplies, and services required by project staff, service providers, parents, and students
 - Reasonable and necessary travel costs for staff training and on-site technical assistance



"Ways to Welcome"



"Welcome Joy with an Open Heart and an even more Open Mind."-Anonymous



Welcoming/Belonging in your community: "In Our Classroom YOU fit right in"



- Please take one of the puzzle pieces within your folder and write/decorate your name
 - Within the puzzle piece, draw different representations of you
 - Strengths
 - Favorite Foods
 - Hobbies
 - Details about Family
 - Share one or two details about yourself with your "next door neighbor"
 - Place puzzle piece on tri-fold board



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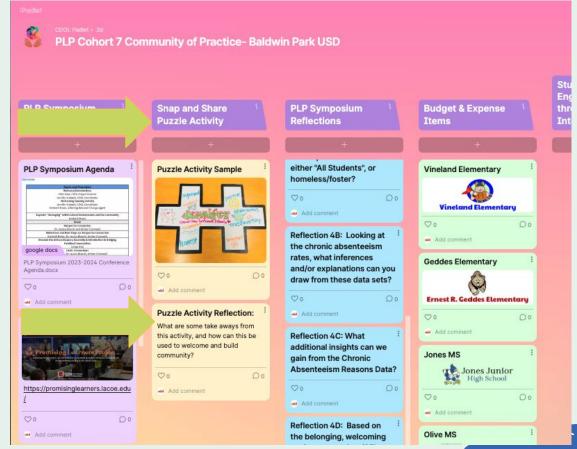
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Kimberli Breen

Keynote Speaker- "Belonging"





What makes you *feel* like you belong?







Please reflect quietly/privately:

- Do you <u>think</u> about belonging?
- When/where was the last time/place you thought about belonging (as in YOU belonging)?
- What was it about that time/place that made you think about belonging?

Belonging

Please connect with others within your comfort zone:

- What was it about that time/place that made you think about belonging?
- How did the experience make you feel?





- Belonging is tied to the people, the environment, and your perception
- It feels better to feel like you belong (safe, accepted, 'seen')
- It feels bad to feel like you don't (unsafe, alone, invisible, confused)
- If you haven't thought much about belonging, you probably mostly feel like you do



Which fish is more likely "thinking about" water?





Feeling like you don't belong is sometimes referred to as "feeling like a fish out of water".



"Belonging isn't just a nice sentiment or a word on a Hallmark greeting card. It's a **need** that's hardwired into human beings. Like neglecting the need for food or water, neglecting belonging is **hazardous to our health**. In fact, it's lethal."

(Belonging Through a Culture of Dignity, Cobb and Krownapple)

"This health threat isn't isolated to the United States; in 2019, the United Kingdom appointed the world's first Minister of Loneliness to address this growing threat to well-being and even mortality."

(Cobb and Krownapple)

"World Health Organization makes loneliness a global health priority with new Commission on Social Connection"

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Belonging

Please reflect quietly/privately:

- What do you think about these statements?
- What does this make you feel/think regarding:
 - o your colleagues?
 - your students (especially those who are unhoused or in foster care)?
 - o their families?



Maslow's Original Hierarchy of Needs

Self-actualization

desire to become the most that one can be

Esteem

respect, self-esteem, status, recognition, strength, freedom

Love and belonging

friendship, intimacy, family, sense of connection

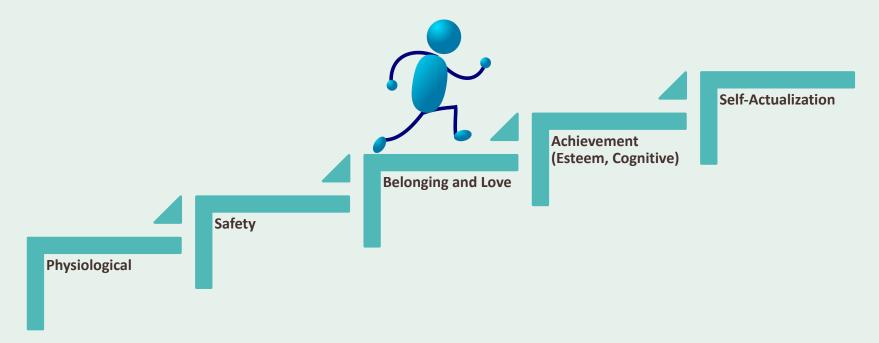
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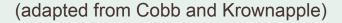
personal security, employment, resources, health, property

Physiological needs

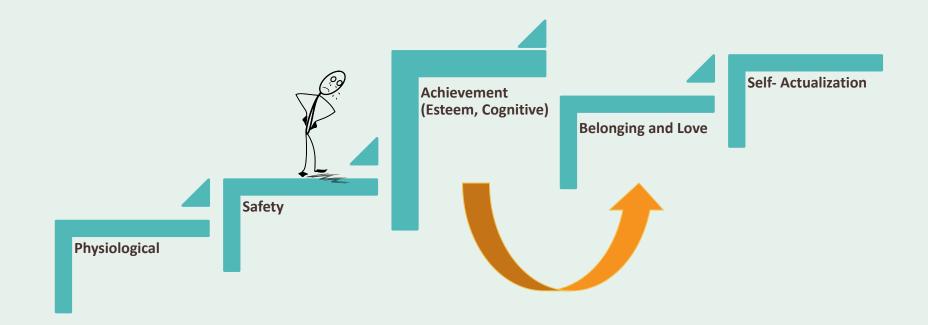
air, water, food, shelter, sleep, clothing, reproduction

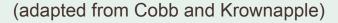


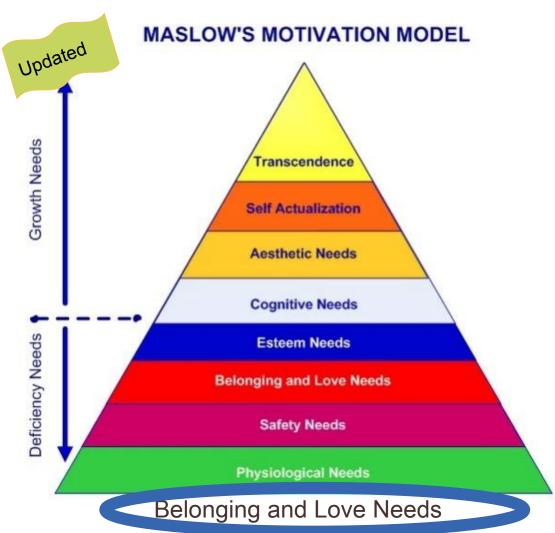




"An Indignant Hierarchy of Needs"







Belonging needs may come before, during and after all others, especially if you identify more with collectivistic culture than individualistic culture.

Some argue your **Safety** and **Physiological Needs** are at-risk if you FEEL like you DON'T belong.

In fact, inclusion is about design, the process through which we (as a community) intentionally co-create the environment. Inclusion is about people partnering with one another to change the culture so that everyone experiences access and unconditional belonging.

(Belonging Through a Culture of Dignity, Cobb and Krownapple)



Co-Creating a Multi-Tiered System of Support and Belonging with and for Students

Supports for a Few Students • • • • •	Opportunities for a Few Students • •
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Co-Creating a Multi-Tiered System of Support and Belonging with and for Families

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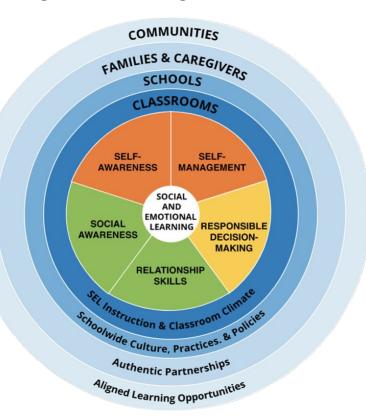
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Our Day of "Ways to Welcome!"

Self-Awareness with Kellen Law

Social-Awareness with Conga Kids

Relationship Skills with Dr. Jessica
Bianchi and Amber
Cromwell
& Conga Kids



Self-Management with Kellen Law

Responsible
Decision-Making
with Kellen Law

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Please connect with others within your comfort zone:

- What might you do in your classroom/school this year to help <u>all</u> students and their families feel they belong?
- What might you do in addition for the <u>some</u> students/families who are unhoused or in foster care?
- What might you do for the <u>few</u> who still <u>need more</u>?









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Recipes for Connections



Origin

FOR CONNECTION

- Established in 2018 in collaboration with the Arts and Healing Initiative as part of a DMH Grant for Family Reunification
- 12 week in-person Family Art Time event at the Jeff Seymour Family Center in El Monte
- Developed based on work with incarcerated mothers and their children designed to increase bonding and attachment





Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Warm-up
- SEL/Trauma Informed/ Restorative
 Justice Framework to support a
 Multi Tiered System of Support
 (MTSS)
- Experientials for ALL, SOME, FEW
- Reflection Recipe





Relationships 101: Names, Greetings, and Questions!



Step 1: Find a partner sitting close to you.

Step 2: Stand up.

Step 3: Decide who will be greeter and who will be greeted first.

Step 4: The greeter will present the menu.

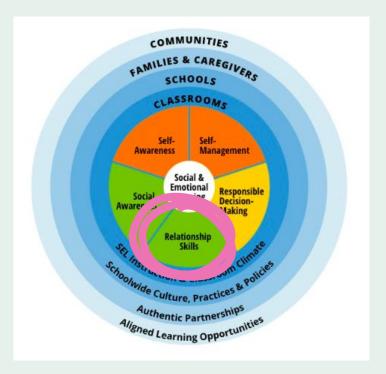
Step 5: Person greeted will decide how they would like to be greeted!

Step 6: Switch!

Step 7: Reflect quietly/privately about how this felt and how you might implement at your site.

Session Objectives

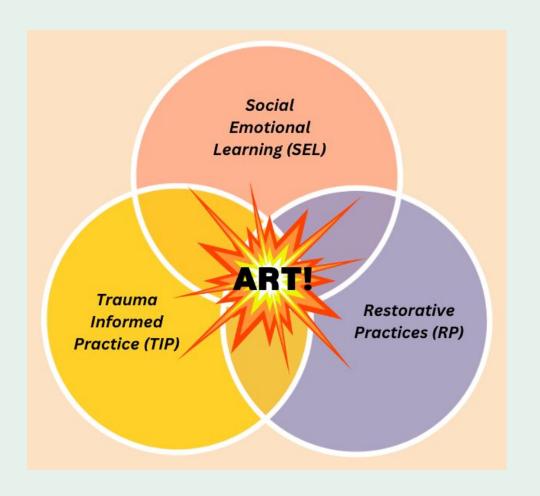
- Experiment with visual art making strategies that are aimed at building relationships in school and community
- Identify at least 3 strategies, ideas, concepts, and/or tools that you will implement at your school site





Art checks all the boxes!

The arts inherently integrate multiple evidence-based theories that positively impact ALL students!





Art Strengthens Relationships

- **Expression**; contained non-verbal means to express emotions (pleasant and unpleasant)
- Regulation; physical closeness, self and co-regulation, joint sensory/kinesthetic activity
- Attunement; opportunity for attachment "serve and return", empathy and perspective taking







Experiential #1: Doodle Check-in

Community Circle Activity for ALL

Experiential #1: Doodle Check-in

- SET-UP: Presenters will model
 Community Circle Framework
- On dry erase board OR piece of paper, create a quick doodle the represents;
 - The beginning of your day
 - Right now
 - What you want the rest of your day to look like?
- Share and reflect





What just happened?





Experiential #2: Blind Contour Portrait

Activity for SOME students

Experiential #2: Blind Contour Portrait

- SET-UP: Turn to a partner at your table.
- Face your partner while placing your pen on the paper.
- Don't look down!
- Try to draw the outline of your partner without looking at the page.
- Enjoy the process, if you are laughing...you are on the right path!





What just happened?





Experiential #3: Image Rethink

Activity for a FEW

Experiential #3: Image Rethink

- SET-UP: Turn to a partner at your table.
- Each partner randomly chooses one magazine collage image from the envelop - don't look in the envelope
- Using glue, scissors, and drawing tools, partners work together to "rethink" their images into a NEW image.
- Work together to come up with a title and write on your image.





What just happened?



Reflection Recipe

 Identify and list 3 strategies, ideas, concepts, and/or tools that you will implement at your school site to help relationship building

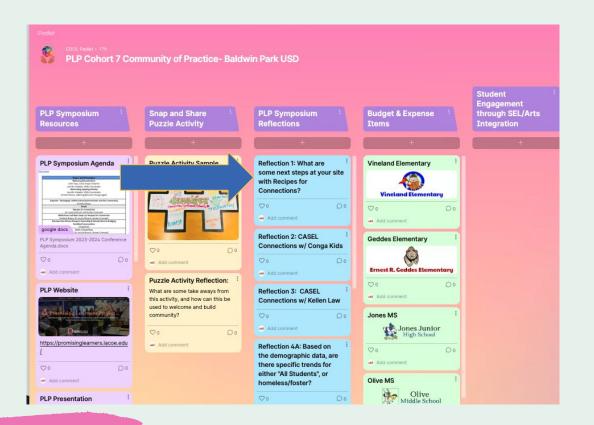








Reflection Recipe









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Conga Kids is a non-profit organization that promotes
Social and Emotional Well-Being
through Dance and Music





Agenda

- Mindfulness Exercise
- Our Programs
- Conga Kids' C.C.C.'s:

(Connection, Communication, Culture)

Connection: Mirroring

Communications: Storytelling

Culture: Salsa

Discover the Diaspora Assembly



SEL & DEI Based

Curriculum!

Dances & Music

of African

Diaspora



OUR PROGRAMS

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

Merengue Cumbia Charleston Authentic jazz Reggaeton









In School Residency

4th Grade, 10-Week 5th Grade, 20-Week

50 Minutes, Social Dances of the African Diaspora such as Lamban, Merengue, Son Cubano, Salsa, Authentic Jazz, Cumbia, Hip-Hop & Reggaetón.

Including a Culmination Performance & Regional Competitions.

Discover the Diaspora Assembly

One-Hour Immersive Program

An Interactive Performance by LA's

Top Dancers and Musicians for all

Grade Levels 12!

*AfterSchool, Weekend, & Summer Sessions Available upon Request.

Bridge the Generations

Five, 2-Hour Lessons

Our Families & Caregivers to Build Community!

Learn the Rhythms & Routines of Merengue & Disco-Funk for the Entire School!

*AfterSchool, Weekend, & Summer Sessions Available upon Request.

Expanded Learning Social Dance & Music Program

20-Lessons: One lesson per week for 20 weeks

or 2-lessons per week for 10 weeks

2–3 Hours of Instructions & Workshops on Dances such as Salsa, Merengue, Cumbia,

& Hip-Hop for the Entire School!

*Weekend & Summer Sessions Available upon Request.



Connection, Communication, & Culture (C.C.C.)

- Creating Belonging
- Social Awareness
- Relationship Skills

Encompassing these criteria through our **three C's** across all of our programs!



Strategy 1: Connection through Mirroring

Learning how to connect with trust and responsibility to build unity with our partner.

Exercise Objective

Explore the dynamic of "Lead and Follow", the sharing of energy, and the relationship between partners.





Strategy 2:

Communications: Storytelling

Lamban is a West African Dance known as the Dance of Storytelling!

Storytelling helped to preserve West African **Culture**, keeping their **Memories** and **Traditions** alive and retaining **a Sense of Inner Freedom**.

We use storytelling as a tool of communication that leads to **Relationship-Building** and **Belonging** in the classroom.

How about we all start creating and telling stories through movement together?!







Strategy 3: CULTURE: SALSA

The roots of Salsa are first found in **Cuba** and is a fusion of many Afro-Latin and Afro-Caribbean dance and music styles. Salsa encourages collaboration and partnership through celebratory dance.

Let's dance SALSA!
Keep up with its rhythm of:
QUICK QUICK ... SLOW!



Let's Recap!

Connection: Is about understanding that we're all in this together.

Communication: Passing our stories over to the next generation!

Culture: Celebrating, valuing, and bringing diverse communities together to build unity!







Discover the Diaspora Assembly

20-Minute Performance













HAPPY DANCING! 2024

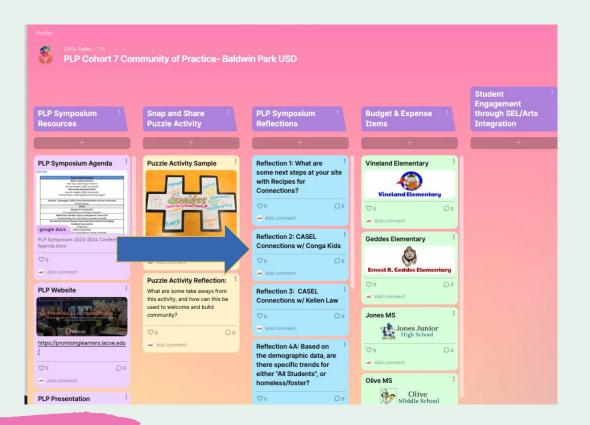
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CASEL Connections



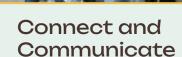


Building Positive Welcoming School Environments Inclusive Procession Inclusive Process



Student Voice and Choice

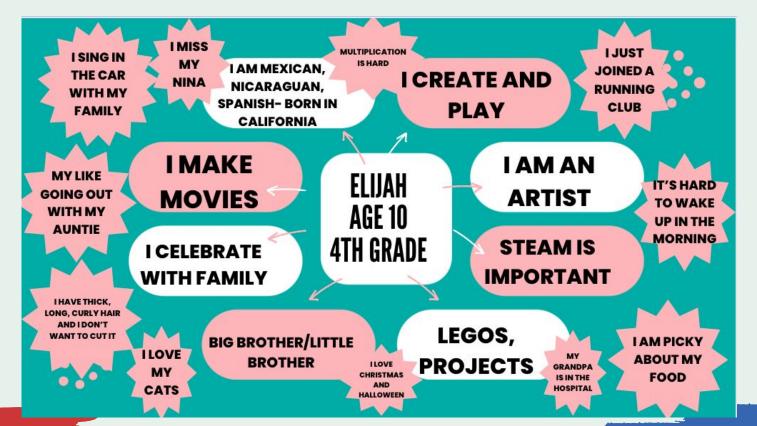








Student Identity Webs





Literacy Connections: Crafting a Positive Environment







- Revisit and Revise Student Identity Webs/Book Identity
 Webs
- Showcase student book selections and integrate the arts (posters, realia, music playlists)
- Embrace the power of communication and belonging with classroom book clubs, science clubs, math clubs, game clubs...
- Give opportunities for student feedback and surveys
- Check-ins throughout the day
- Entrance/Exit tickets that are open-ended
- Compliments for ALL in box/jar
- Feedback- I see, I notice, I wonder, I appreciate...





KEEP CALM

AND

TAKE A LUNCH BREAK







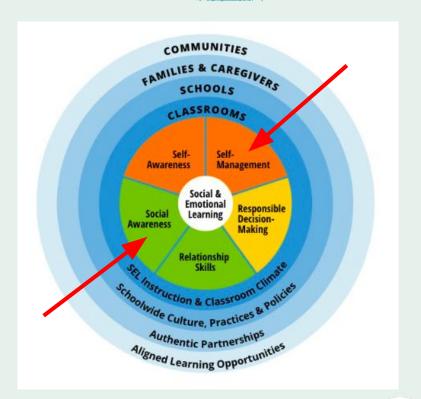
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Theatre Arts Integration



Intentions

- Express ideas and emotions using our voice and body
- Explore how to employ theater strategies to foster a sense of belonging and agency
- Practice being curious in our collaborations







"We do not learn from experience... we learn from reflecting on experience."

-John Dewey





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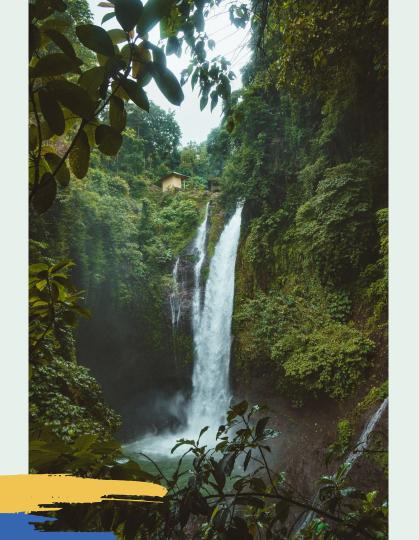
Soundscapes

How Many A's in a Single A?

Foley Stories





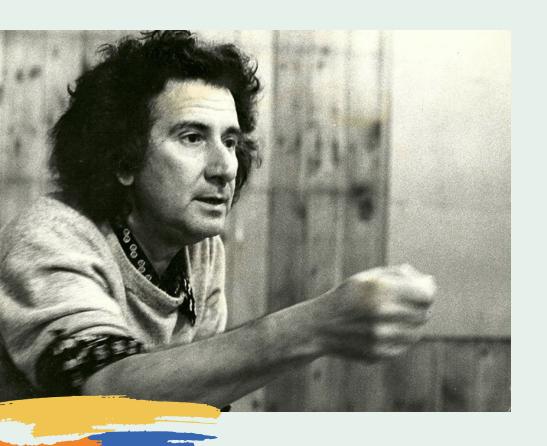




Round One: Anything goes

Round Two: Voices ONLY





How Many A's in a Single A?

Augusto Boal



Foley Stories

Step One: Complete these sentences to create your story

- 1. Once upon a time...
- 2. And every day...
- 3. Until one day...
- 4. And because of that...
- 5. And because of that...
- 6. Until finally...
- 7. And ever since then...





Foley Stories

Step Two: Add a sound effect to each sentence to enhance your story

Step Three: Assign people to each sentence and sound effect (*Feel free to have multiple people do a single sound effect if that helps*)



Foley Stories

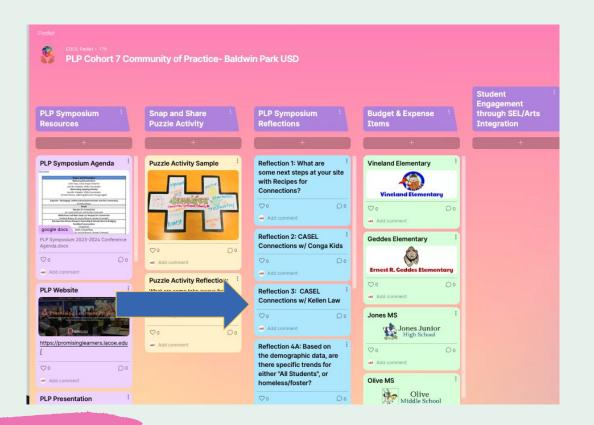
Step Four: Rehearse and share your story with the group. Think about how you can use your voice to make the story even more interesting.

Remember that everyone should have a part to play.





CASEL Connections

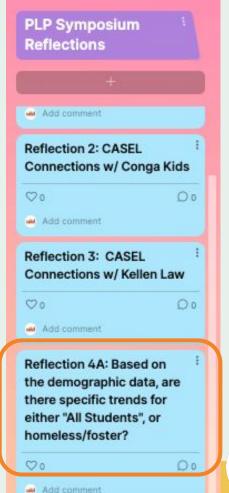




Taking a Closer Look into our Data

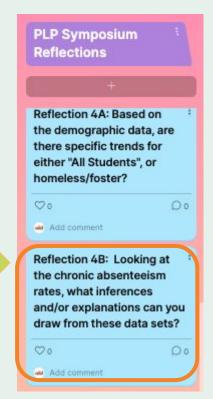


4a. Based on the demographic data, are there specific trends for either "All students", or homeless/foster?



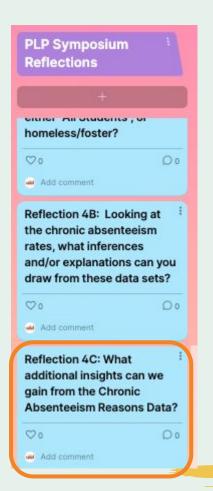


4b. Looking at the chronic absenteeism rates, what inferences and/or explanations can you draw from these data sets?



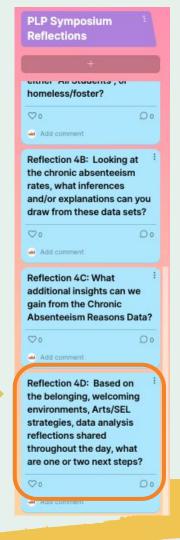


4c. What additional insights can we gain from the Chronic Absenteeism Reasons Data?





4d. Based on the belonging, welcoming environments, Arts/SEL strategies, data analysis reflections shared throughout the day, what are one or two next steps?





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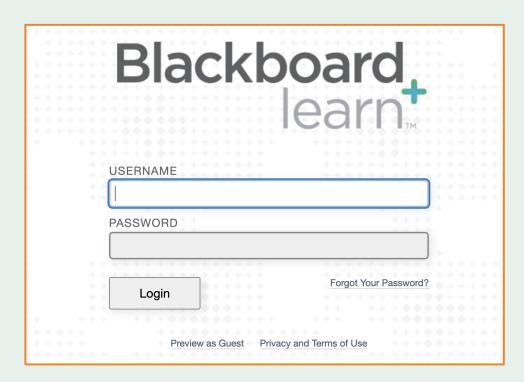
How Does This Grant Project Support Youth in Foster Care and Youth that are Homeless?



The Los Angeles County Office of Education's (LACOE) Center for Distance and Online Learning (CDOL), in the Division of Curriculum and Instructional Services, has expanded the Promising Learners Project (PLP) that proposes to provide school and district staff training that significantly increases pupil engagement, improves school climate, expands evidence-based, non-punitive practices, and establishes partnerships with community-based organizations. This 3 year grant project supports Baldwin Park, Hacienda La Puente, Keppel Union, and Norwalk-La Mirada school districts in creating Positive Learning Experiences through a Multi-



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COACHING SESSIONS:

Content experts will support LEA's in creating a sustainable system in a safe space in which to learn from each other.

- February 22, 2024 @ 2:30pm-3:30pm
- April 10, 2024 @ 2:30pm-3:30pm

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