



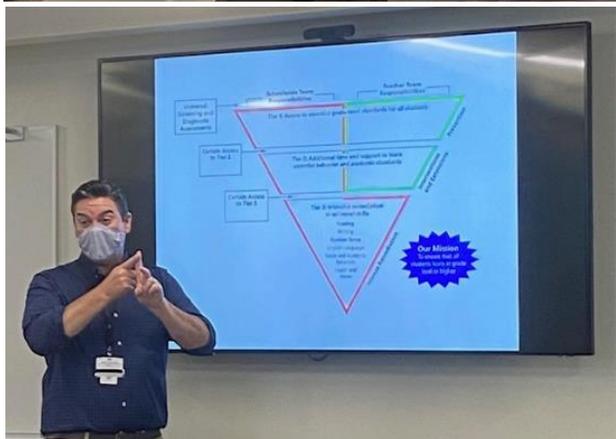
Ed Services Update



November/December 2021

Multi-Tiered System of Supports

Multi-Tiered System of Supports, better known as MTSS, is a systemic, continuous-improvement framework in which data-based problem solving and decision-making is practiced across all levels of the educational system for supporting students. Programs are categorized into three tiers. Tier 1 is for ALL students. Tier 2 includes programs and interventions for students who are struggling in a particular area. Tier 3 is for intensive interventions from which our neediest students would benefit. One of the goals of the Educational Services Department this year is to update and fine-tune our MTSS models. Each school site has worked with FCSS experts, Stacy Percell and John Hannigan, to develop a plan that addresses the unique needs of their students. By the end of the school year, each site will have a living document with a variety of resources at each tier so that all our students will receive the support they need to be successful. Below John and Stacy are working with the team from Liberty.



Professional Development for November & December

Please remember that it is the responsibility of the site to secure the substitutes. The reason is “staff conference/development”.

November 2 – Integrated ELD for Arts Teachers (8:15 to 11:15) and ROP/CTE Teachers (12:15 to 3:00 pm) @ the Staff Development Center (SCD)

November 8 – 8th Grade Science Teachers @ Scout Island all day

November 9 – Chemistry/Physics/Earth Science Teachers @ Scout Island all day

November 9 – Creative SEL for Elementary Training for 2 lead teachers from GES & KFE from 8:00 to 11:00 am and from 12:00 to 3:00 for LES & SEE @ the DO Conference Room

November 10 – Ag Science Teachers @ Scout Island all day

November 10 – Instructional Technology Training for Admin and designated teachers from 8:00 to 3:00 @ DO Conference Room

November 12 – Biology Teachers @ Scout Island all day

November 15 – 7th Grade Science Teachers @ Scout Island all day

November 17 – Secondary training on SEL strategies for students @ 3:00 pm via Google Meet (meet.google.com/qro-tybk-wsc)

December 1 – Thinking Maps: Path to Proficiency for 3-6 grade teachers from 1:40 to 3:40 pm.

December 1 – MTSS Audit for site leadership all day @ District Office Conference Room

December 8 – Elementary training for SEL strategies for students @ 1:45 pm via Google Meet (meet.google.com/djv-takz-thh)



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December 9 – Instructional Technology Training for Admin and designated teachers from 8:00 to 3:00 @ DO Conference Room

December 14 – Classified training for SEL strategies for staff and students @ 9:00 am via Google Meet (meet.google.com/pvw-uuna-ghc)

Mindful Moments of the Month

Don't forget to take a few minutes to relax during the hectic and stressful days.

1. 5-4-3-2-1 Technique: If you're feeling anxious or overwhelmed, it can help to shift your attention to your **five senses**.
 - five things that you can see** (a clock on the wall, gray carpeting on the floor),
 - four things you can feel** (the fabric of your sweater, your toes wiggling in your shoes),
 - three things you can hear** (the buzz of the lights, cars passing outside the window),
 - two things you can smell** (your hand lotion, your coffee), and
 - one thing you can taste** (a swallow of water, a stick of gum).
- Ocean Waves: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f77SKdyn-1Y>
 - Guided Meditation: https://www.uclahealth.org/marc/peg/01_Breathing_Meditation.mp3
 - Online Jigsaw Puzzles: <https://www.onlinejigsawpuzzles.net/>
 - Creative Designs: <https://bomomo.com/>

Benchmarks

This year, all students in grades 1 through 12 are taking the same benchmarks through the *Fastbridge* assessment system. They will take the English Language Arts and Math computer-adaptive tests three times a year. This data will be used to drive instruction and will also be shared in our LCAP Plan. Additionally, site-specific formative assessments are given routinely between benchmarks to monitor progress. With this comprehensive plan, teachers, students, and parents will be able to analyze student growth during a single school year and over several grades. The first benchmark window is closed, and the baseline data will be shared in the January Newsletter.

Rural Residency Program

Did you know that Kerman Unified houses the Rural Residency Program? This program is providing teacher education for “home grown” future educators on the West Side. There are five student participants in Kerman, working at Kerman-Floyd and Goldenrod. They spend their days in classrooms and their evenings taking courses from Fresno State professors. The courses are currently held at the Staff Development Center; however, due to the growth of our Kerman Unified Online School, the program will be moving to Sun Empire in January. These student teachers have also been added to our substitute list, so we have a few more subs that we desperately need.

Shout Outs

Congratulations to the 68 Bilingual and Special Education paraprofessionals who participated in the recent *Thinking Maps: Path to Proficiency* professional development sessions. This training was a follow-up to the 2-day workshops that were held in the spring. Our tutors now have some excellent strategies to work with our neediest students. Thank you, Kelly Ayerza, for arranging the PD.