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AGENDA

I.	Welcome and Opening Remarks
II.	Presentations
	Status Update on Charter School Renewal Process
	Ms. Dana Edlis Policy and Professional Development Coordinator Charter Schools Division
	2. Presentation on Charter Schools Division WebsiteMr. José Cole-Gutiérrez Director, Charter Schools Division
	Mr. Taylor Wichmanowski Senior Coordinator, Charter Schools Division
	3. Spotlight on Cleveland Charter High School

III. Public Comment

IV. Adjournment

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Status Update on Charter School Renewal Process

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Spotlight on Cleveland Charter High School

Grover Cleveland Charter High School

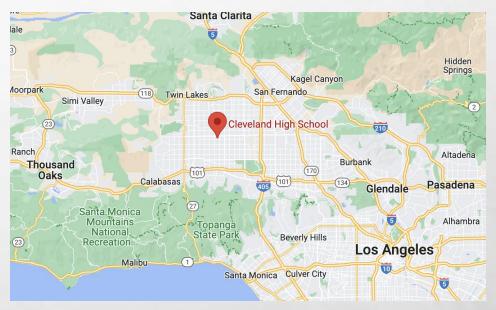
Region North – Board District 3
Presenter: Cindy Duong, Principal





Who and Where We Are

- The LAND Home of the Cavaliers (est. 1959)
- Located in the neighborhood of Reseda within the San Fernando Valley region of Los Angeles
- We are an LAUSD affiliated charter (since 2013)
- Largest comprehensive high school in District
- Recently completed \$177 million comp mod/ retrofitting project (mix of old and new)
- Three-peat 6-year term of accreditation with no midterm visit















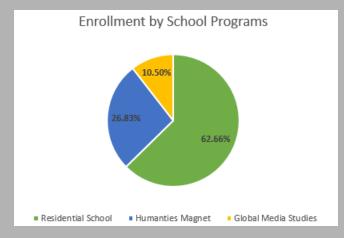
Who We Are







Enrollment:



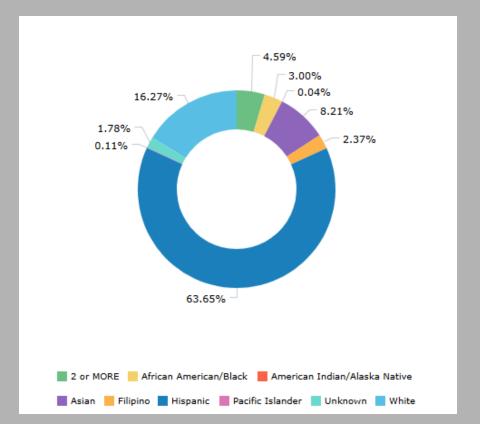
Special Needs:

Emergent Bilinguals	10.50%
RFEP	33.95%
BSAP	5.10%
GATE	38.09%
SPED Services	11.80%
Title I Eligible	68.03%

• Newcomers (primarily Mexico, Central America, Vietnam, Afghanistan, Russia, Ukraine)

Student Body:

Race and ethnicity



Home languages - 30 different ones

The Performing Arts at The Land

The LANDing Ground

Equity & Justice Initiative

Pillar 1: Academic Excellence

High-Quality Instruction Enriching Experiences Eliminating
Opportunity Gaps

College and Career Readiness

Pillar 2: Joy and Wellness

Welcoming Learning Environments Whole-Child Well-Being Strong Social-Emotional Skills Outstanding Attendance

Pillar 3: Engagement and Collaboration

Strong Relationships Accessible Information Leading for Impact

Honoring Perspectives

Pillar 4: Operational Effectiveness

Data-Driven
Decision-Making

Modernizing Infrastructure

Sustainable Budgeting District of Choice

Pillar 5: Investing in Staff

Diverse Workforce

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Professional Learning Staff Wellness High Performance Standards

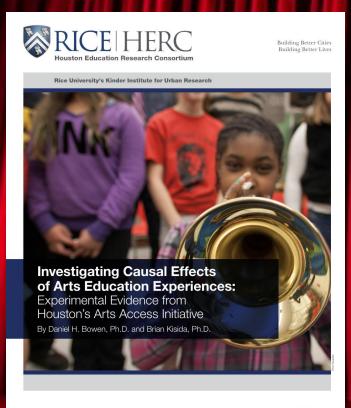
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Setting the Stage



Research Report

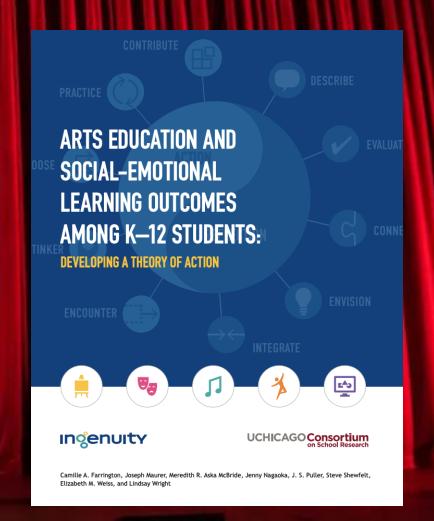
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In the study, students who participated in arts education see the following benefits:

- Improved writing achievement
- Reduced disciplinary infractions
- More student engagement
- Increased college aspirations
- No drop in standardized test scores

Setting the Stage

Participation in arts education practices and processes can translate into the development of both artistic and social-emotional competencies, including selfmanagement and self-discipline, interpersonal skills, and self-expression, that extend beyond arts.



Specialized Programs







Humanities (1981)	AOAT (2004)	GMS (2019)		
One of the original two Humanities	CTE pathway focusing on graphic	GMS is a storytelling program that		
Magnet programs in LAUSD. Focus	design. It is designated a CPA	teaches students to view media		
is to expose students to broad	Lighthouse Academy.	critically, from a wide variety of		
experiences by addressing		perspectives, in order to challenge		
humankind: our development, our	2019-20: Shift from print design to	conventional narratives and create		
culture, our diversity, and our	social media marketing and	powerful portrayals of their own.		
commonality. "Core" classes are	branding			
writing-based, interdisciplinary,		2003: Media Academy begins as a		
team-taught and integrates	2021: Awarded Distinguished CA	small learning community		
literature, social studies, art, and	Partnership Academy			
philosophy.		2015-2016: MA becomes the Global		
	2022: Selected by CDE to pilot	Academy of Interdisciplinary Media		
9th: Art & Culture	AME's Youth Apprenticeship	Studies (GAIMS)		
10 th : Art History	Program			
11 th : Visual and Performance Art		2016-2017: GAIMS becomes a		
12 th : Film Studies	2023: Selected by CDE to partner	Linked Learning School		
	with Adobe for Digital Design			
2018 - MSA National Certification	Program	2019: GAIMS becomes the Global		
(first in LAUSD)		Media Studies (GMS) Magnet		
	2023-24: Added the ethical use of Al			
	generated artwork and copyright	2024: GMS earns Linked Learning		
	law to curriculum	Gold Certification		



Overview – Comprehensive Modernization Project

Cleveland Charter High School was identified for the development of a "Comprehensive Modernization Project" – March 2015

Board of Education Approved Project Definition – February 9, 2016

- The project will address the most critical physical conditions of school building sand grounds
 - Focus on safety
 - Limit work on less critical items
- Project Budget: \$164.8 Million \$172, 882, 122
- Anticipated Schedule Completion: Q3-2022



Performing Arts

2015-2016

Music Teacher (Band/Instrumental)

2018-2019

Music Teacher (Choral)

2020-2021

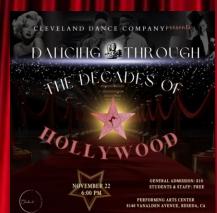
PE Teacher (Dance)

2023-2024

Music Teacher #2 (Band/Instrumental)

Instrumental Music (2015)	Choral Music (2018)	Dance (2020)
Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble (2), Beginning Orchestra, Advanced Orchestra, Songwriting and Music History electives, and, this fall, Mariachi	Cavalier (Advanced) Chorale, Treble Choir, and Concert Choir	Dance program has grown from offering one dance class to five daily.
2023: established the annual All-Valley Band Tournament to bring together bands from	(2019-2023) SCVA Charal Factival Superior Cavaliar Charala	Student-led Dance Club blossomed into a competing dance team and traveling dance company.
Southern California. It is the only SCSBOA- recognized field tournament in the San Fernando Valley and within the LAUSD footprint of schools	SCVA Choral Festival - Superior, Cavalier Chorale (2019, 2022, 2024) Music in the Parks H.S. Mixed Choir I AA Division —	Dance Company is featured on LAUSD's Arts Education 2024 publicity campaign: billboards, delivery trucks, and buses around the city.
2023-2024: added a second instrumental music instructor	Superior, Cavalier Chorale (2022, 2023) SCVA Choral Festival - Superior, Treble Chorus	Dance Team placed first in the High School Dance and Pom categories, and second in the Lyrical
Superior Ratings for Concert Band: every year since 2015	(2023, 2024) Music in the Parks H.S. Treble Choir AA — 1st	category at Sharp International's West Coast Championship in April 2024.
SCSBOA Marching Band Division Championships: 2018 (5th), 2019 (1st), 2021 (1st), 2022 (3rd), 2023 (2nd)	Place, Treble Chorus (2023) Forum Festival - Gold rating and multiple	Dance program has put on four full-length dance concerts, servicing over 350 students as performers, producers, stage crew, wardrobe
Superior Ratings for Jazz Ensembles: 2022, 2023, 2024	Outstanding Soloist Awards, Treble Chorus and Cavalier Chorale (2024)	assistants, and lighting designers.
Goal:	Goal:	Goal:
Grow orchestra and Mariachi; work with PC to create coach positions using Prop 28	Expand support for drama and instrumental music programs	Engage with community arts partners to incorporate traditional dance forms such as Folklórico, Hula, African, and more









DTASC 2024

TOP 10 SCHOOL

SWEEPSTAKES AWARD

HADES TON TEEN EDITION



Would You...?









Problem of Practice

There is a need to develop a schoolwide initiative that focuses on promoting wellness and overall well-being.

What Pandemic Research Tells Us

According to a 2020 American Psychological Association Stress in AmericaTM survey,

- COVID-19 had a substantial impact as it disrupted work and education.
- 78% of adults surveyed indicated that the pandemic is a significant source of stress in their life.
- When considering the physical and emotional toll of increased stress, nearly half of adults (49%) report their behavior has been negatively affected.
- Respondents report increased tension in their bodies (21%), "snapping" or getting angry very quickly (20%), unexpected mood swings (20%), or screaming or yelling at a loved one (17%).

Based on a 2022 Adolescent Behaviors and Experiences Survey (ABES),

- 37% of US high school students experienced poor mental health during the pandemic.
- Almost half of students indicated they felt persistently sad or hopeless.

Schoolwide Stress Survey

In June 2023, we designed and conducted a stress survey of students and staff:

- 1120 students and staff responded to a series of statements related to stress indicators.
- More than two-thirds of respondents indicated "some," "most," or "almost always" to the following:

	Students (962)		9	Staff (158)		All (1120)
I have a hard time feeling relaxed.						
Almost always	146	15.2%		15	9.5%	14.4%
Most of the time	271	28.2%		36	22.8%	27.4%
Some of the time	410	42.6%		82	51.9%	43.9%
	Total	86.0%	-	Total	84.2%	85.7%
I feel like I don't have enough time						
to get everything done.						
Almost always	196	20.4%		48	30.4%	21.8%
Most of the time	281	29.2%		40	25.3%	28.7%
Some of the time	362	37.6%		52	32.9%	37.1%
	Total	87.2%	-	Total	88.6%	87.6%

Schoolwide Stress Survey

	Students (962)		Staff (158)		All (1120)
I have trouble falling asleep.					
Almost always	162	16.8%	28	17.7%	17.0%
Most of the time	197	20.5%	20	12.7%	19.3%
Some of the time	312	32.4%	60	38.0%	32.2%
	Total	69.8%	Total	68.4%	68.5%
I feel anxious, irritable,					
overwhelmed, or sad.					
Almost always	157	16.3%	14	8.9%	15.3%
Most of the time	208	21.6%	26	16.5%	20.9%
Some of the time	382	39.7%	70	44.3%	40.4%
	Total	77.7%	Total	69.6%	76.6%
I don't have time to spend on personal hobbies.					
Almost always	137	14.2%	23	14.6%	14.1%
Most of the time	229	23.8%	54	34.2%	25.3%
Some of the time	370	38.5%	47	29.7%	37.2%
	Total	76.5%	Total	78.5%	76.6%

Schoolwide Stress Survey

	Students (962)		9	Staff (158)			All (1120)
I feel like I cannot focus on school/work because there is a lot of other things going on in my life.							
Almost always	131	13.6%		9	5.7%		12.5%
Most of the time	191	19.9%		20	12.7%		18.8%
Some of the time	366	38.0%		63	39.9%		38.3%
	Total	71.5%	1	Total	58.2%		69.6%
I feel stressed out overall.							
Almost always	227	23.6%		22	13.9%		22.1%
Most of the time	240	24.9%		36	22.8%		24.6%
Some of the time	310	32.2%		68	43.0%		33.8%
	Total	80.8%	1	Total	79.7%		80.5%
My stress is related to school/work.							
Almost always	292	30.4%		35	22.2%	_	29.2%
Most of the time	313	32.5%		42	26.6%		31.7%
Some of the time	242	25.2%		60	38.0%		27.0%
	Total	88.0%		Total	86.7%		87.9%

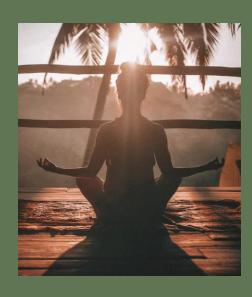
What is One Item or Activity That Reduces Your Stress?

- Music
- Art/drawing/painting
- Nature
- Meditation, yoga, exercise
- Calm, quiet space
- Break
- Sleep
- Essential Oil
- Fidget toys
- Gardening



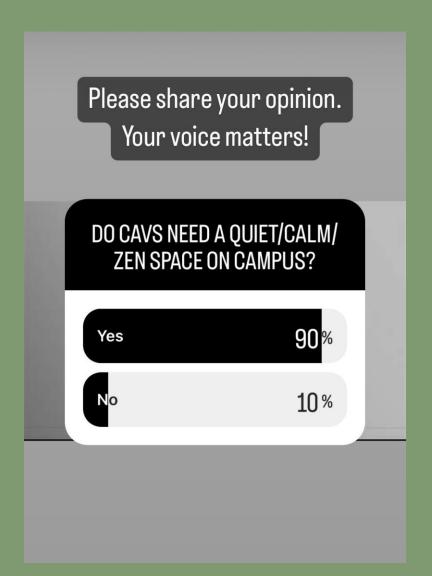








What School Community Voiced on Social Media



We Asked Students to Add Images of What They Envision A Calming Room Looking Like at Cleveland:

https://padlet.com/carandalechuga/calming-room-ib8dokpnfcypqzsj





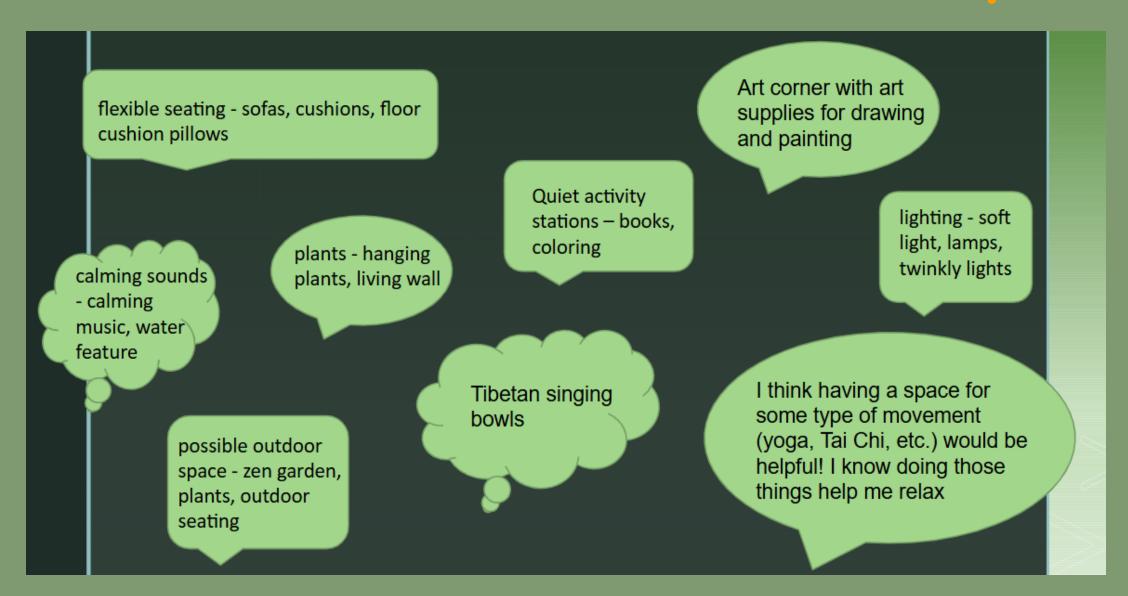








We Asked Staff to Provide Input



We Asked Ourselves These Questions

What is our end goal? What positive outcome are we trying to generate?

How do we create a climate of wellness?

How do we help our school community reconnect, find its center,

and stay grounded at The Land?

Theory of Action:

If we create spaces and opportunities for students and staff that address mental, physical, and emotional health, we will foster a climate of wellness and overall well-being.

Vision:

Reduce stress
Bring awareness of feelings
Reinforce a sense of community

The LANDing Ground

Student Calm/Quiet Room

Staff Calm/Quiet Room/Outdoor Zen Garden

Communal Self-Care Space

Impact and Next Steps

What's been the response?

- Overwhelmingly positive
- Students and staff talk about mindfulness and self-care
- Staff members participate (no complaints) during PDs
 - Many integrate strategies in their classrooms
- Students and staff use the calm space
- PSWs lead workshops and counselors conduct group sessions
- District Wellness Program provide classes for staff
- Students and adults jointly take part in wellness activities
- Cookies with the Counselors parents engage in mindfulness sessions
- After school yoga replaces "detention"
- September 2024 CNN reporter Julia Vargas Jones highlights "judgement free space" to support student mental health









Enough talk -Let's take a look...



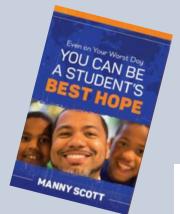


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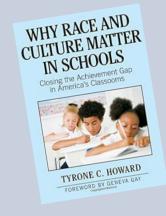
History of PD around Race and Equity

- Courageous Conversations some voluntary, some mandatory
- Staff-facilitated or through guest speakers:
 - Village Nation
 - Dr. Tyrone Howard, Dr. Manny Scott,
 Facing History and Ourselves staff
- Discrete sessions
 - Staff left energized and inspired
 - Little follow through or time to debrief and discuss
- Pockets of classrooms social justice curriculum

Spring 2020 (pre-school closure) – first planning meetings









Background









School Closures

- A need to create sense of belonging
- A need to focus on SEL
- A need to help school community process social-political events (e.g., George Floyd, BLM demonstrations)
- Conversations with staff, students, and families
 - Unconscious bias and effects on student learning
 - Dearth of racial literacy in most courses and classrooms

Fall 2020 – E & J Team begins designing Zoom PDs Goal:

- To create institutionalized culture that supports
 - Teachers in their anti-racists pedagogy
 - Students in anti-racist learning

Essential Questions

What will Cleveland look and feel like when **EQUITY** and **JUSTICE** are at the center of our work?

What will we have to do (and continue doing) as a staff and faculty to get us there?

Vision Statement

Grover Cleveland Charter High School seeks to aid school staff in their efforts to understand and confront issues of systemic racism, so that all students and staff members thrive in a learning environment where equity and justice prevail.

EQUITY

Our Values

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self-respect
          positive attitude
                                 appreciation
               spirituality
            forgiveness loyalty
knowledge
                                                    peace
                                            effectiveness
personal growth
                                        communication
                              meaningful work
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Year One: Laying the Foundation

Equity & Justice PD 1:

- Values Exercise
- Introduced the terms:
 - Inclusion

Equity & Justice PD 5:

- Shared the racial stereotypes that **nicity** •
- each affinity group identified as prevalent in our society
- Icebre Break •
 - Looked at the data to understand the correlation between current patterns of segregation and stereotypes
 - Defined important terms:
 - Oppression
 - Microaggressions
 - Explored the harm of racial microaggressions

Equity & Justice PD 2:

Explored the differences between Equality, Equity & Justice

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Equity & Justice PD 3:

- Identity mapping
- Introduced the terms:
 - Personal/Social

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Equity & Justice PD 6:

- Met in small breakout groups to discuss why we became educators and what we think the value of education is
- Defined Oppression and the d raci • defining features of oppression v, cul
 - Clarified the difference between stereotypes, prejudice, discrimination and oppression through the Ladder of Oppression
 - **Explored how oppression** operates on the Individual, Structural, and Institutional levels

Equity & Justice PD 4:

- Met in Affinity Groups to discuss the messages we received:
 - About race in general

Equity & Justice PD 7:

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- Established our commitments to a Brave Space
- essin Small Group activity "What do se you feel and where do you feel it" to humanize our discussions ding regarding race
 - Discussed "grappling"
 - Chose quotations from Chapter 2 of So You Want to Talk about Race

Year 2: Building our Instructional Capacity

Equity & Justice PD 1:

- Branding E&J
 - Student-created logo
- Introduced Black Student Achievement Plan (BSAP)

Equity & Justice PD 2:

- Historical Context of BSAP
- How to Build a BSAP Unit
- Book: Cultivating Genius

Equity & Justice PD 3:

- BSAP Unit Share Out
 - Art
 - English
 - Social Studies
 - LOTE
 - Science
 - Special Education

Equity & Justice PD 4:

• Guest Speaker: Chris Emdin

Equity & Justice PD 5:

- Instructional Strategies for Building Community
 - Where I'm From Poems
 - Student presenters
- Instructional Strategies for Building Community
- Book: Start Here, Start Now

Year 3: Raising The Capacity of The Institution through Student Voices

Equity & Justice PD 1:

- Review of Equity & Justice Initiative
 - The Vision
 - The Team
 - The Vocabulary
 - The Work

Equity & Justice PD 3:

- Presentation to The Staff
 - Supporting Student Voices

Equity & Justice PD 2:

- Creating the Ideal School
 - With Teachers
- Data Mining

Equity & Justice PD 4:

- Making the Ideal Real
 - Identify and Analyze Staff and Student Data

Equity & Justice BONUS:

- Creating the Ideal School
 - With Students
- Student Focus Groups
- Data Mining

Equity & Justice PD 5:

Implicit Bias Training: Dr. Bryant
 T. Marks

Year 4: Forming School Climate

Equity & Justice PD 1:

- School Climate
 - Focus on Joy
 - Book: Unearthing Joy

Equity & Justice PD 2:

- Sharing Joy
 - Best Practices of Joy in the Classroom

Equity & Justice PD 3:

- SWOT: Intro and Small Group Brainstorm
 - Evaluating school climate

Equity & Justice PD 4:

- Equity Recommendations
 - Student Focus Group Presentations

Joy Surveys and Awards

Equity Recommendations

Data Collection

SHELL

Year 5: Happy Birthday!

- Review E & J content so that we have a common understanding as we move forward this year
- Small group discussions: model DOK and CLRP strategies
- Brainstorm future E & J PD topics
- Staff self-assessment on degrees of implementation

I have not
been here for
some or all of the
last 5 years <u>OR</u>
have <u>some</u>
knowledge of E &
J Principles.

I understand the how and why of E & J.

I thoroughly understand the how and why of E & J.

Year 5: Summary

PD Topics:

- Clarifying our values
- Exploring our identities
- Understanding oppression
- Humanizing the discussion of race
- Culturally Responsive
 Curriculum Scorecard
- Crafting/Presenting BSAP Units
- Building a Classroom
 Community through
 Purposeful Activities: Where
 I'm From Poem
 Presentations
- Guest Speaker: Chris Emdin
- "The Ideal School" Activity with teachers

PD Topics:

- "The Ideal School" Data Dig with teachers "The Ideal School" Activity Student Presentation
- Implicit Bias Training, GuestSpeaker: Dr. Bryant T. Marks
- Unearthing Joy and cultivating a climate of joy
- Evaluating school climate through SWOT Analysis with teachers
- Revisiting the SWOT analysis to come up with solutions to identified weaknesses
- Evaluating school climate through SWOT Analysis Student Presentations

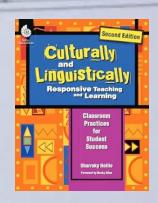
Vocabulary/Concepts:

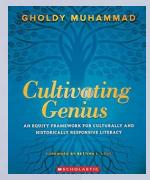
- Identity
- Racial Literacy
- Race
- Ethnicity
- Nationality
- Socialization
- Patterns of segregation and stereotypes
- Microaggressions
- Systemic Oppression
- Implicit Bias

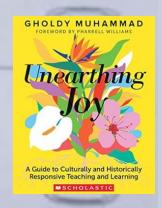
E & J Library



- The Racial Healing Handbook, Singh
- So You Want to Talk About Race,
 Oluo
- Start Here, Start Now: A Guide to Antibias and Antiracist Work in Your School, Kleinrock
- Choosing to See: A framework for Equity in the Math Classroom, Seda & Brown
- Culturally and Linguistically Responsive Teaching and Learning, Hollie
- Cultivating Genius, Muhammad
- Unearthing Joy, Muhammad







Reflection and Discussion

Professional Development	Of all the PD topics we have covered, which ones have most impacted your approach with students? How?
Vocabulary/Concepts	How have you implemented vocabulary/concepts of equity in your practice?
Books	How have you used the books we have introduced?
Activities/Techniques	What techniques, activities, assignments, etc. have you implemented with students? What has been the impact on your classroom or practice?

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