## Creating a Welcoming Environment For All

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### Our work together....

- Define a Culture of Wellness and Wellbeing
- Discuss ways to build relationships to ensure school is a welcoming place for all
- Realize the tools you currently have that are instrumental in creating a "Culture of Wellness"

## Current National Data: Principal Concerns

Areas Characterized as an Extreme or High Concern by 50% or More Principals, 2018

Area % of principals

Aled	70 Or principals
Increase in the numbers of students with emotional problems	73.7
Student mental health issues	65.5
Students not performing to their level of potential	62.3
Providing a continuum of services for students who are at risk	61.6
Student assessment	57.2
Student poverty	56.5
Instructional practices	55.8
Teacher performance/effectiveness	55.1
Professional development of staff	55.0
Fragmentation of principal's time	53.5
Management of student behavior	52.5
Financial resources	50.8

Source: The Pre-K-8 School Leader in 2018: A 10-Year Study, from the National Association of Elementary School Principals and the University Council for Educational Administration.

### Lets start with vocabulary...

### **Culture of Wellness**

- What does that mean to you?
  - Turn and talk ....

**Culture:** the set of shared attitudes, values, goals, and practices that characterizes an institution or organization

**Wellness:** the quality or state of being healthy in body and mind, especially as the result of deliberate effort.

## What does this mean to you and why is it important?

### **Self-actualization**

desire to become the most that one can be

### **Esteem**

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

You've got to "Maslow"

### Love and belo

friendship, intimacy, family,

### **Safety needs**

personal security, employm

### **Physiological**

air, water, food, shelter, slee

## before you can "Bloom"

#### REMEMBERING



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#### **UNDERSTANDING**



Acting out Articulate Reenact Loading Choosing Determining Displaying Judging Executing Examining Implementing Sketching Experimenting Hacking Interviewing Painting Preparing Playing Integrating Presenting Charting

#### APPLYING

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Categorizing
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Correlating
Deconstructin
Linking
Mashing
Mind-Mapping
Organizing
Appraising
Advertising
Dividing
Deducing
Distinguishing
Illustrating
Questioning
Structuring
Integrating
Attributing
Estimating

#### **EVALUATING**



Arguing Validating Scoring Assessing Criticizing Commenting Debating Defending Grading Hypothesizing Measuring Moderating Posting Predicting Rating Reflecting Reviewing Editorializing

#### CREATING



Blogging Building Animatin Adapting Collaborati Composir Directing Devising Podcastin Wiki Buildi Writing **Filming** Programmi Simulatin Role Playi Solving Mixing Facilitatin Managin Negotiatin

Leading

Safe

**Positive** 

Consistent

**Predictable** 

The fundamental purpose of PBIS is to make schools more effective, efficient and equitable learning environments.

## What does science tell us about wellbeing?

- Brain forms and changes across life span
- Continuous interplay between body, mind, spirit, behavior and genetics.
- Sensitive periods
  - Birth to 2
  - 4-6 years
  - Adolescence
- We can intentionally train our brains to improve well being and greater good.
- "Well being is a skill"

Center for Healthy Minds, University of Wisconsin Madison

### Wellbeing

Should central role of education be building and improving wellbeing?

How would academic achievement improve if we had students, youth, educators in environments that fostered emotional health and wellbeing?

How would that impact healthcare?

Justice system, Poverty, Homelessness, Drug Use?

Unemployment?

## Protective Factors (CDC, SAMHSA, NIMH, FBI...)

#### **Individual**

- Positive connection to adults
- Engagement in meaningful and prosocial activities
- Positive self-concept and peer role models
- Youth disapproval of substance use (deviant behavior)
- Highly developed social skills/competencies

### **School/Community**

- Caring school climate
- Student participation in extracurricular activities
- Opportunities for schoolstudent connectedness
- Positive and clear expectations
- Predictability
- Presence of caring adults

## Ensuring our Schools serve as Protective Factors:

Messaging in our Curriculum

- Be mindful of assignments and activities that ask students to write about or act out traumatizing experiences, like simulations.
- To Kill a Mockingbird and learning about what it
  was like for people of color 'back then.' At the same
  time, they are experiencing racism in school and in
  their communities in the present tense."
- Emergency drills
- Media/news can be trigger traumatic responses for some of our students just by association
- Free and Reduced Lunch = Brown bags

# Classroom **Practices** that we may want to revisit

- Homework
  - Considerations: support at home, materials at home, peace at home
- Cost response and exclusionary practices
- Parent signature I travel a lot and sometimes my daughter has my permission to sign her name
- Reframe: "Be Responsible" think about the experiences kids have outside of school that are necessary to demonstrate 'schools definition of responsible'

### Tools to Build a Culture of Wellness

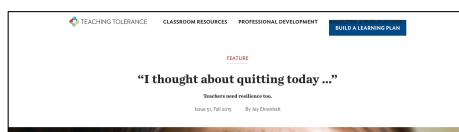
Trauma Informed Supports at Tier 1

- What is in your toolbox already?
  - Relationships and self-care
  - Teaching matrix
  - Classroom and SW practices
  - Student engagement!



# Relationships, relationships, relationships

Take care of yourself first!



The Professional Quality of Life (ProQOL) is a self-assessment tool that assess the positive and negative effects of helping other people who are experiencing or have experienced trauma and suffering.



- 1. What is my professional quality of life?
- 2. How much "compassion satisfaction" am I experiencing?
- 3. How much "compassion fatigue"—burnout and secondary trauma—am I experiencing?
- 4. What kinds of self-care do I need in order to be resilient in my work?

### Vicarious Trauma/Secondary Trauma

- When empathy for a student's suffering leads to internalizing or frightening realities not personally experienced we call this vicarious (secondary) trauma
- Constant demands to care for others may cause fatigue, emotional stress, or apathy. When trauma repeatedly overwhelms our ability to function normally we may experience compassion fatigue.

High levels of compassion fatigue can, overtime lead to:

 Burnout: physical and emotional exhaustion, involving the development of negative self concept, job attitudes and loss of concern and feeling for our students, their parents and our colleagues compassion compassion fatigue finest!

At its finest!



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### Top 7 Signs you are Too Stressed

It is important to smile and laugh!

Laughing releases chemicals that lift your mood and put positivity into your troubles and stressors.

- 1. You've wondered if your cell would float if hurled into a river.
- 2. You start using a pencil instead of pen when scheduling dates.
- 3. Medical journals/Case files have become your "light bedtime reading".
- 4. Your best friends think you've moved because they haven't heard from you in so long.
- 5. You consider Red Bull part of a balanced diet.
- 6. You fall asleep during trips to the dentist, it's the only break you get.
- 7. It takes you 6 days of vacation to feel relaxed, and after 6 minutes back at the office, you forget you even went on vacation!



Taking time for yourself

Staying hydrated

Putting your health first Going outside Fueling your body

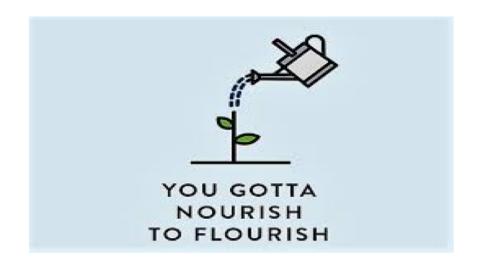
Being genuine

Practicing forgiveness

Acknowledging your feelings

### REMEMBER...

- Self Care is not a sign of weakness
- Self Care is not selfish
- Engaging in self-care should <u>NOT</u> give you a sense of guilt or shame.



### How Do I Make Time For Self-Care?



- Make yourself a priority.
- Take a victory lap.
- Surround yourself with good people.
- Update your workspace.
- Recharge and reboot.

## Relationships build caring connections

- Start with "getting to know them..."
- Letting them know something about you.



## Ensuring all students connect with at least 1 adult







### 1 pagers



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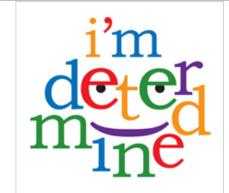
Address: Glade Hill, VA

#### My Strengths

- English
- Social Studies
- Learning
- Writing Poetry

### My Preferences

- A good foundation to grow from
- A lack of disturbance
- A constant and perfect schedule





Date: November, 2012

#### My Interests

- Writing poetry on the spot
- Dreaming of a better world
- Making a better world
- Music

#### My Needs

- Printed notes
- Visual/Audible Learning
- A structured environment
- Predictability-knowing what is coming next

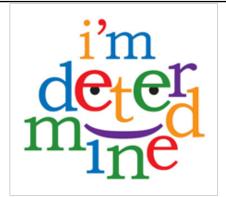
Name: Erica Rachael Fiel

#### My Strengths

- Talking & Communication
- Prepare & Organize
- The professional way I can present myself.
- Creativity

#### My Preferences

- Study Guides
- Things in Outlined Form
- Color Coded
- Computer Form







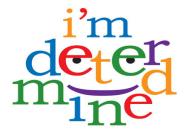
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#### My Interests

- ASL
- Style
- Bible

#### My Needs

- Support
- Visual and Oral Understanding
- Extra Time
- Organized Notes...etc.



### **My Good Day Plan**

**Good Day** 

Now

**Action** 

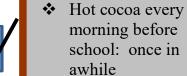
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What happens on a **Good Day?** 

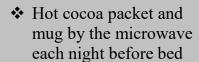
**Does it happen** nowa

What needs to happen to make it a Good Day? Who can help me?





now







- Head phones to listen to calm music on bus ride to school - not happening
- Purchase headphones

\* Talk with classroom

teacher

**❖** Mom

Mom



- not happening now
- ❖ Reformat checklist add graphics; hang on bulletin board near door

\* Case manager

Classroom teacher



Greeted at bus dropoff by class buddy –

Morning task list – tried earlier in year and dropped

# Have you Embedded Relationships in the Classroom?

- Greeting at the door
- Community building circles
- Knowing students name (even students that you don't teach)
- Learning to pronounce your students' names
- Activities that help you get to know your students outside of school

# Default to TEACHING (& RE-teaching)

- High rates and types of Opportunities to Respond
  - Differentiated response supports all students to engage in ways comfortable
  - Provides processing time, which allows neural networks to be strengthened
- Dignified Error Correction
- Behavior Specific Praise

The SAME way we teach and correct Academic Behavior is how we teach and correct Social Behavior

## Continuum of Strategies to Respond to Inappropriate Behavior

Planned Ignoring

**Physical Proximity** 

Signal/ Non-Verbal Cue

**Direct Eye Contact** 

Praise (BSPS) the Appropriate Behavior in Others

Redirect

Support for Procedure/Routine

Re-teach

Differential Reinforcement

Specific and Contingent Error
Correction

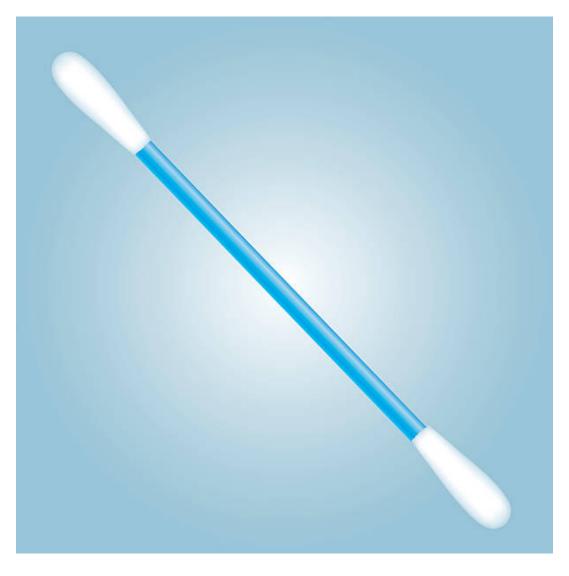
**Provide Choice** 

Conference with Student

### Building Relationships

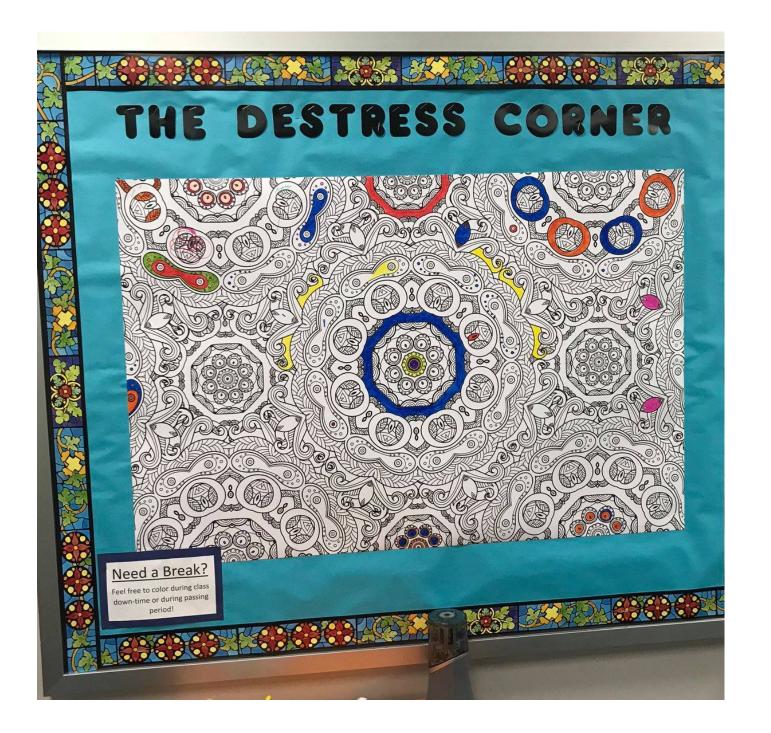
- Consider the backgrounds of the students (fight or flight? Trust? Negative learning history)?
- Have Patience This is the LONG GAME. It can take time and is more purposeful that with other students
- Stay calm, communicate concern and care
- Show respect (even when they do not you are MODELING)

### Quit Taking it Personal



# Practices That Build a Culture of Wellness





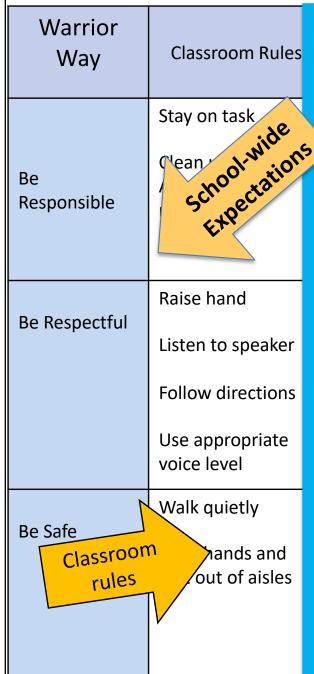


- Use your matrix to build a 'culture of wellness'
- Consolidate language into one document (framework)

	eaching/ Matrix	Exper	Hallways	Secon	dary SETTING	Respe	ectful Envir	onment
		1. Lings	Hallways	Bruin Block	Cafeteria	Library	Assembly	Bus
Suc	Respect Ourselves	Be on task. Give your best effort. Be prepared.	Walk.	Have a plan.	Eat all your food. Select healthy foods.	compu	NATURAL CONTROL OF THE STATE OF	Watch for your stop.
Expectations	Respect Others	Use social media for 'good'	Use normal voice volume. Walk to right.	Invite those who are alone to join a club you are in.	Invite people who are alone to join in your conversation.	Whisper. Return books.	Listen/was Use appropriate applause.	Stay seat.
	Respect Property		3. Specific Behaviors space.	lse equipment properly. Put litter in garbage can.	Replace trays & utensils. Clean up eating area.	Push in chairs. Treat books carefully.	Pick up trash from bleachers	Wipe your feet.

Teaching Matrix		All Settings	Halls	Playgrounds	If you see Disrespect	Respectful Environment		
Expectations	Respectful	Be on task. Give your best effort. Be prepared.	Walk.	Have a plan.	STOP: Interrupt & model respect, rather than watch or join in	Study, read, compute.	Sit in one spot.	Watch for your stop.
	Achieving & Organized	Be kind. Hands/feet to self. Help/share with others.	Use normal voice volume. Walk to right.	Share equipment. Include others.  Invite those who are alone to join in.	WALK: Invite people who are being disrespected to to join you and move away.	Whisper. Return books.	Listen/watch Use appropriate applause.	Use a quiet voice. Stay in your seat.
	Responsible	Recycle. Clean up after self.	Pick up litter. Maintain physical space.	Use equipment properly. Put litter in garbage can.	Stop: Interrupt, Say "that's not ok."  Walk: Walk away Don't be an audience  Talk: REPORT to an adult	Push in chairs. Treat books carefully.	Pick up. Treat chairs carefully.	Wipe your feet.

### Are we teaching students how to get help?



### When you feel upset ...

Recognize what you're feeling "I feel..."

Stop and take a few deep breaths

Ask for a break if you need a moment

Express your feelings **appropriately** 

Talk to someone if you need help

Tell an adult if your worried about your safety (or someone else's)

1-800-Suicide

### A few additional examples:

- Parent-teacher conference
  - MVLA district
- AUTHENTIC family engagement
  - Invite them!
  - Make the material accessible
- Current opportunities for welcoming families
  - Open house
  - Athletic/drama/community events
- Others

### NEST lunch (post Bruin Block schedule)

- School connectedness
- Relationship building with adult outside your core teachers
- Opportunity for students to invite students





# Have you Embedded Relationships School-Wide?

### Into your:

- 1. Classroom practices?
- 2. School-wide matrix?
- 3. Acknowledgement system?
- 4. Discipline system?

Take a few minutes and discuss. If you don't have examples yet this is the time to start brainstorming!

## You <del>Too</del> 2 Can Build a Culture of Wellness

"School-wide change has to begin with individuals, It might start with 2 teachers and what goes on in their classrooms won't eliminate global injustices, but it is a foundation on which the work can grow."

**Paul Gorski** 

### We invite you to...

- Join the APBS Network 1 of 3 ways
  - Registration link: https://goo.gl/forms/M6NKaqTSMK GKnCB53
  - 2. Email apbshs@usf. edu
  - 3. Scan





- 'Like' the Facebook page
  - Polls will be posted so you can request webinar topics
- Participate in webinars and meetings
- Share with colleagues & get the good word out
- Join the RDQ here at the Forum and HS Network Lunch in Miami @ APBS Conf.



Support

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REFLECT the "why" ENCOURAGE the dialogue CELEBRATE the change

## AUTHENTIC ENGAGEMENT