A3 Multi-tiered Systems to Support Adult Wellness

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Finding Your Registered Sessions in Pathable

Your Personalized Schedule (My Agenda)

Locate the Agenda Menu, Select “My Agenda” from the drop-down, and you will see the sessions for which you are registered. A green check mark in the upper right corner indicates you are registered.
Tips for Participants

Navigating the Session Page

1. Session Details (Title, Presenters, Date & Time, Description, Keywords)
2. Join Session
3. Interact through Chat, Polls, & Uploaded Files
Tips for Participants

Chat, Polls, and Q&A

1. Use **Chat** for engaging with other participants around the session topic.
   
   *Presenters may use chat differently in specific sessions.*

   Follow overall Forum expectations for responsible, respectful, and safe chatting.

2. Find the **Q&A** under **Polls**.
   
   Questions for presenters go there.

3. Some sessions have other **Polls** or more **Specific Questions**.
   
   Complete those when prompted.
**Tips for Participants**

**Be careful of accidently navigating away**

**While participating in a live Session... Be Present!**

- If you navigate away from the live Session you will need to press the "Join Meeting" button to get back in.
- What does **navigating away** look like? Here are some examples:
  1. Clicking on any area of the navigation menu
  2. Clicking on a Person's name
Tips for Participants

Support is Available

If at any time you need support as a participant, use the Help Desk:
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| **Safe**              | • Be aware of your stress level.  
                        • Double check on friends you know are struggling.  
                        • Ask for help if you feel sense of hopelessness  
                          • Suicide Hotline: 800-273-8255 |
| **Empowered**         | • Use the chat box to express your needs and questions. |
| **Engaged**           | • Ask for what you need to contribute and participate.  
                        • If you begin to experience a delay or “lag,” please turn off your video. |
| **Equitable**         | • Mute yourself when not speaking.  
                        • Participate in break out rooms and invite others to participate.  
                        • Be patient with technological challenges. |
The broad purpose of PBIS is to improve the effectiveness, efficiency and equity of schools and other agencies. PBIS improves social, emotional and academic outcomes for all students, including students with disabilities and students from underrepresented groups.
June 1, 2020

School behavior support systems can serve to perpetuate oppression or be a force for dismantling systemic racism and promoting equity. At the Center on PBIS, we are committed to improving outcomes for each student, and given centuries of oppression, violence, and segregation, we must increase our commitment to improving outcomes for each Black student. To dismantle systemic racism, we must:

1. Increase the **voice** of students and families in their educational systems
2. Use strategies to make every student feel safe and welcome
3. Examine school-wide expectations and practices

Equity Statement
Center on PBIS
Disrupt the Status Quo

COVID-19 impacting our black, brown and migrant communities and our vulnerable populations at higher rate than others.

- Rooted in social inequalities (e.g., residential segregation, differential access to healthcare and treatment)

Race is not the risk factor, Racism is the risk factor.
Accessible EAP Driven by Data-Informed Needs

Self-Selected Wellness Teams focused on self-care themes (nourishment, mindfulness, yoga, mental wellness), Holistic Health Education Programs (Community Partners), Accessible EAP

PROMOTE healthy nourishment practices, regular movement, work-home balance/adequate rest & sleep, reasonable work-load, voice & choice, self-compassion, flexibility, collaboration, holistic health practices (mind, body, spirit) infused into work day, Accessible EAP

Consider using a multi-component strategy to support:

- Intentionality to build a Culture of Wellness, focus on self care
- High quality professional development including team-based training, district coaching with performance feedback
- Adequate time for teacher planning and staff collaboration
- Strong and accessible employee assistance program

Adult Wellness Brief, coming soon at pbis.org
Why Use a MTSS/PBIS Framework

- **Culture of Wellness**: Emphasizes whole system response/prevention
- **Efficiency and Effectiveness**: Clear team decision making routines for selecting evidence based practices
- **All Hands on Deck**: Provides instructional framework for teaching S/E competencies
- **Teams using data**: Focus on use of data to evaluate impact
- **Redesign for the long term**: Sustainability: “burden of alignment and systems change does not fall on the implementer”


Why Are We Talking About A CULTURE Of Self-Care?
First Thoughts Activity
A Principal Asks the Office Secretary

hold all calls and visitors for twenty minutes (unless there is an emergency)

- Turns off their phone
- Goes in their office & shuts the door
- Eats lunch for twenty minutes.
The Clinician

Goes to their car, eats and reads during lunch
The Office Manager

In your office leaves every day for lunch
A Teacher Who is a New Parent

Leaves every day at the end of their contract time to pick up their newborn from daycare.
Works Through Lunch

Eats at their desk and works at the same time
A Newly Hired Teacher

Leaves every day at the end of their contract time to go to spin class.

GOING TO SPIN CLASS IS THE WORST!
FALSE GOING TO SPIN CLASS IS BETTER THAN PIZZA!
A Veteran Teacher

Stays late every day and is often in the classroom on Saturday afternoon
During a Teacher’s Lunch Break

They go in the classroom, turn off the lights, eat lunch, and meditate for fifteen minutes?
IMPLICIT BIAS
WHAT WE DON'T THINK WE THINK
Stress in the Workplace

• Highly personalized phenomenon
• Severity of job stress depends on the

Magnitude of the demands that are being made and the individual’s sense of control or decision-making latitude he or she has in dealing with them

• Scientific studies based on this model confirm that workers who perceive they are subjected to high demands but have little control are at increased risk for negative health implications

Retrieved from https://www.stress.org/
Chronic Stress includes:
- irritability
- anxiety
- depression
- headaches
- insomnia

STRESS AND SLEEP

19% of individuals aged 45-64 admit to losing sleep due to stress a few nights a week.

54% say that stress and anxiety increased their worries about falling asleep at night.

52% of men and 42% of women reported that stress affected their ability to remain focused the next day.

Retrieved from https://www.stress.org/stress-effects
What does the research say?

Schools that prioritize staff wellness demonstrate positive staff interactions, a shared commitment to student success, and an increased sense of warmth.

(Bradshaw, et al., 2008)

However, teachers who experience occupational stress tend to demonstrate a lack of emotional support and negative interactions with students, producing additional stress for at-risk students.

(Hamre, & Pianta, 2005; Oberle & Schonert Reichl, 2016).
What does brain 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
Worry

Learning will not occur unless emotional needs are met

- Crisis + Budget Cuts = Stress
  - Range of responses
  - Staff, families, students are scared
  - Messages from our local leaders critical
  - We may want to retreat to our silos – we seek comfort in routines and old contingencies
  - Stress and overwhelmed workforce = increase implicit bias and over use of exclusionary discipline = increase inequities
  - Wellness is being discussed A LOT!!
    - Will Maslow will go out the window upon “return”
Big Ideas

Getting back to “routine” is one of the pillars of trauma recovery.

- However, teachers and students will still be in recovery mode so it will be important to take it slowly and flexibly. Keep goals modest.
- Re-establishing school as a safe, positive space is the first priority.
- Daily schedules should include more frequent mind breaks, use of calming strategies (belly breaths) and movement (e.g., walks outside)

Once back in school, remember that student-teacher relationships are one of the most powerful predictors of student emotional wellness, classroom climate, and academic success.

- Even if brief, teachers should try to make a brief personal connection each day with students.

Be ready for your own “triggers”.

- Students’ issues may be similar to yours

Adapted SMART CENTER 2020
How do you know if wellness is a priority?

✓ Overwhelmed
✓ Lack of voice and choice
✓ Pre-service not adequate to meet demands of job

If social emotional behavioral health is a priority then we need to redesign pre service and professional development and focus on organizational health.

If social emotional behavioral health is a priority then put in accountability system, policies and budget.
Big Idea: Team address needs of staff, students and families

- Teams addressing the mental health and SEB needs of their students will also need to address and support the needs of their staff by using a multi component strategy that includes (a) self care, (b) high quality professional development including team based training, district coaching with performance feedback, (c) adequate time for team planning, and a (d) strong and accessible employee assistance program.
District and School Level

• Shift in strategy
• Shift in collaboration
• Shift in data
Utilize teaming approach to address Staff Wellness Needs

**Actively uncovering student, family and staff needs**

• Leadership team members represent school community
• Should you consider adding members to leadership teams
  • Students, families, nurse, community employed mental health providers, community support
What is your District Community Team doing to support wellness of students, families and staff on a daily basis?

• Will it be enough to meet vast majority of students, families and staff?
  • How are we matching to need, culture and context?
• Who is missing who can provide expanded lens?
• How do we elevate our social emotional leaders and amplify their voices?
• How will we share data with stakeholders and rally around priorities?
• What are we already doing that is working, that is trauma informed? Note: PBIS is a mental health initiative.-see outcomes related to PBIS Tier 1 Fidelity.
• How can we conduct ongoing check-ins so we can stay connected, identify what is working and quickly adjust our approach as needs change?
Shift in Strategy:
Tier 1 Team

• Members represent school community?
• Should you consider adding members to this team?
  – Student, family, nurse, community employed mental health provider?
• Do you have an accurate picture of ALL of your student’s needs?
  – % of students meeting attendance criteria, % in each sub group
  – % of students who feel connected
  – % of students with 0-1 office referrals
  – % of students on track to graduate
  – % of students meeting academic benchmark
  – % of students with adequate health, housing, food
  – % of students who have experienced trauma
  – % of students with relationship with at least 1 adult
Tier 1 Team also supports staff

- % of staff who feel connected (within grade level/team and/or school level)
- % of staff who feel like they can manage their workload
- % of staff who feel like they are managing their changing role
- % of staff who feel like they have skills to manage student needs
Building a Resilient Community
How are we meeting the vast majority of needs?

What are your universal precautions?

- Safe and stable environment
- Clearly defined expectations, procedures, routines (consistent across locations)
  - Physical distancing and hand washing
- Ongoing embedded instruction of expectations, procedures, routines, social emotional skills
- Daily routines that allows classrooms to build sense of community, foster relationships and experience positive connections
- Clearly defined ways for students to ask for help
- Positive greetings and positive social interactions throughout the day
- Staff engaged in active supervision across all contexts (scan, move, interact)
- Spaces and Routines for teachers to re-group, re-set, neutralizing routine
- Teacher connectedness and wellness activities
- Growth mindset culture for staff with ongoing training, coaching and performance feedback
Designing Strategy: Be intentional

How do we expand our idea of what mental health is...

– Not just someone in an office getting supports from a “specialist”

– How do we normalize
How will we adjust our greeting strategy?
“Air High Fives”, “Air hugs”

How do we adjust in a virtual environment?
How will we adjust being social at a distance in class?
Mental health= strategies and skills for coping

• Daily Calm
  – Time to be still. Get comfortable, turn off lights, calming music
  – Time for breathing: slow, deep belly breaths

• Daily Activity and Movement
  • Walks, exercise, outdoor time

• Biology Breaks
  • Stand, stretch, move, mind break
Mental Health For ALL

- Positive Greetings
- Positive connections across the day
- Routines that include calming strategies, daily physical activity, biology breaks
- Consistent, predictable, safe and equitable learning environments
- Dependable and positive relationships

- Promotes resilience and healthy brain functioning in children who have experienced trauma (Sciaraffa, Zeanah, & Zeanah, 2018)

- All of these qualities are important to the healing of students who have experienced trauma.
Design Strategy

How will we address stigma?
How will we fit what is working in our system with current context?
How do we ensure we match with local culture and context?

• Marketing and Branding
  – Building a Resilient Community
  – Project Wellness
  – Project Care Bear
  – The New Three R’s: Reopening, Recovery, and Relationships
Now

- Design a System of Support for Staff
  - Focus on de-stressing staff
  - Clear, concrete expectations, procedures and routines
  - Direct instruction
  - Opportunity to practice, plan and build fluency
  - Get feedback and input from staff, adjust, improve
  - 5:1 feedback ratio
Trader Joes
Positive, Safe, Predictable Environment
Trader Joe's
Positive, Safe Place

YOU ARE STRONG!

PLEASE STAY BEHIND THE Plexiglass UNTIL IT'S TIME TO PAY THANKS!
Safe Environment Examples

Minimize crowding & distraction

Maximize structure & predictability
Staff Days – School Level (prior to students returning)

• Check in
  – Expect to be emotional, exhausted
  – Track your “triggers”
  – Common experience will increase connection and sense of belonging, allow yourself to be vulnerable, honest and compassionate
  – Opportunity to practice new procedures
    • Walk every inch of the building in small groups, physically distanced – learn about new routines
    • Important for you to feel comfortable and model calm when kids get back
Utilize Teaching Matrices to Normalize...

- Wellness practices
- Social Emotional Skills (empathy, healthy discourse)
- Flexibility & Compassion

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| Be Responsible| • Make yourself **comfortable**  
• Take care of your **needs** (water, food, restroom, etc.)  
• Practice **physical distancing** while engaging with others during our time together  
• Consider, I am not here to be right, I am here to **Get It Right** |
| Be Respectful | • **Listen** to understand  
• Assume **best intentions**  
• Practice **perspective-taking** |
| Be Safe       | • **Ask** what you need to know to understand and contribute  
• Create a safe space that invites open dialogue and vulnerability – Consider the 3 Gates of Speech: Is what you want to say **Kind? True for you? Necessary?** |
## School Matrix Example 2020

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<th>Classroom</th>
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| **Respect** | • Smile with your eyes and wave to acknowledge adults & peers  
• Use kind language | • Greet adults & peers at beginning & end of activity  
• Use kind language | • Talk kindly to students sitting in your area  
• Wait turn to board/exit | • Mute when listening  
• Use kind language | • Take turns if others waiting  
• Wear headphones |
| **Responsibility** | • Maintain 6’ (big) personal space bubble  
• Take care of your materials as you transition in the hallway | • Stay in assigned spot to maintain 6’ distance  
• Do your best  
• Engage in learning | • Let bus driver know if unsafe behavior seen  
• Sit in assigned seat & maintain distance | • Log-in/off on-time  
• Actively participate  
• Have materials ready for each lesson/activity | • Stay engaged  
• Keep device charged  
• Ask for help (via email, chat, or with help of a parent) when you’re stuck |
| **Safety** | • Wear mask  
• Follow 1-way direction arrows | • Wear mask  
• Disinfect desk/table before & after use | • Wear mask  
• Disinfect seat  
• Keep hands to self | • Keep password private  
• Let teacher know if private chat is inappropriate | • Disinfect keyboard & mouse  
• Take short breaks from your seat and screen |
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| **Respectful**      | • Raise hand    | • Greet the teacher and classmates | • Listen to understand | • Consider the feelings of others before posting | • Ask for a break  
• Track the speaker  | • Talk in soft voices | • Take turns speaking | • Say, “I like that idea, AND...” |  
• Follow directions | | | | • Express feelings making “I statements” |
| **Organized and Achieving** | • Walk quietly  | • Take your seat | • Clean up the area when time is up | • Turn on privacy controls | • Ask my teacher to break down the assignment into smaller chunks.  
• Keep hands and feet to self | | | | • Talk to someone if it will make you feel better |
| **Responsible**     | • Stay on task  | • Turn in homework | • “Jump in” to help others | • Double-check sources before I post | • Use the face chart to identify what you are feeling “I feel...”  
• Offer to help      | • Put materials in desk | • Manage time carefully | • Think before I forward |  
• Apologize for mistakes | • Begin work | | | • Use cool off strategy (walk away, count to 25, deep breaths) |
| **Teacher’s Role (Conditions for Learning)** | **Supervise all areas of the classroom** | • Greet students warmly | • Provide relationship opener for groups | • Teach and practice routine monthly | • Use Active Supervision to predict triggers  
• Post bell to bell activity | | • Actively supervise small group activities | | • Model calming strategies |
What to do when...

• Out of soap/sanitizer
• Student is refusing to wear mask
• Person within community tests positive
• I need a break
• I recognize someone needs help

• Design the system so we can...
  – Practice, practice, practice
  – Huddle and debrief
  – Reflect and improve
Return to School

https://www.pbis.org/resource/returning-to-school-fall-2020-staff-pd-days-agenda-template
### Day 1

- **OUTSIDE:**
  - Welcome and Check in / morning circle opener (music, time to just be together – outside using new protocol for entering and exiting building. (e.g., temperature checks, sanitizer station) District and school leaders model for teachers how to welcome students back.
  - Review revised school-wide matrix (shared in advance) and explicitly discuss SW expectations and new routines.
  - Break into small teams and take a tour (using distancing protocols) of the school.
  - School Tour- practice line up routine, new traffic flow and become familiar with prompts (posters, floor signs)
  - Provide direct instruction to all staff. Teach routines and procedures across all contexts, have staff take notes, be aware of things that “trigger” them throughout the first day. Self-reflection worksheet and huddles/check in across each day will be important

### Other Considerations:

- **Use same process for orientation days with families and students coming back**

- **Do we ask staff and students to wear something (similar to a medical bracelet) that lets us know they are exempt from wearing a mask?** - *VARIES based on local safety procedures*
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<td>Review details specific to each age group (e.g. younger students exempt</td>
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<td>from wearing masks in classroom – need a procedure for transition times</td>
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<td>– will need to wear mask outside of classroom)</td>
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<td>✓ Handwashing- every 2 hours – use this in conjunction with your calm</td>
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<td>routine/biology break (music, dim lights, use calming strategy belly</td>
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Our Dailies

- Daily Book-ends: Time at the beginning & ending of the day to intentionally create a culture of belonging & connection (staff huddles with music, laughter, celebration, deep breathing, setting collective intention for the day)
- Take a Pause (Pause, Dim the lights, Play music, Deep belly breaths)
- Use music as the universal connector
- Use humor in a supportive way- Make me laugh post (rules around what is submitted), could be student generated
“I am overwhelmed”

- Trauma
- Social emotional learning
- Wellness
- Mental health
- Grading policy
- Attendance policy
- Lost instructional time
- Impact of isolation
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<td>• Expand teaching to include coping skills (e.g., identifying feelings, expressing feelings, &amp; managing feelings)</td>
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<td>Feedback and acknowledgement system</td>
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<td>• Use feedback to increase the use of new skills across locations</td>
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<td>• Teachers model calm response when providing feedback</td>
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<td>• Use the system to prompt all staff to increase positive greetings and positive social interactions across the day</td>
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<td>• Team members and coaches conduct direct observations and collect counts of staff interacting with students and during transitions and cafeteria – provide data to staff during grade-level meetings.</td>
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Integrating a Trauma-Informed Approach within a PBIS Framework

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The purpose of this Guide is to describe how district and school leaders can incorporate trauma-informed practices within a Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) framework. This ensures that the investments in training school personnel about trauma can be integrated into a system that links these efforts to student outcomes. Recommendations are included for how to adjust the PBIS framework to support trauma-informed practices.

Introduction

Over the past decade, youth-serving systems have increased their focus on childhood trauma and its impact on the mental health of children and youth (Hanson & Lang, 2016). Educators, following the lead of child welfare and mental health organizations, have intensified efforts to ensure that all teachers and administrators work in a system that provides accurate information about the prevalence and impact of trauma, are provided training and coaching around trauma response, and have a clear understanding of their role in supporting students who have experienced trauma. Although schools are investing heavily in professional development about trauma-informed practices, there is a growing recognition that these efforts need to be integrated into the broader PBIS framework.

https://www.odu.edu/content/dam/odu/col-dept/efl/docs/trauma-informed-pbis-brief.pdf
Shift in Collaboration

- High quality professional development with coaching
- Adequate time for planning
- Strong and accessible EAP
Wellness Check-In: Team and staff meeting agendas include check-in
Self-Selected Team Wellness Clubs

• Batch cooking virtual parties (Deliciously Ella, Forks over Knives)
• Yoga (Chair Yoga, virtual yoga, in-person yoga)
• Community Partner Education and Demonstration Pop-ups (Nourishment, Nature Tours, Virtual Travel Trips, Book Clubs, Sit-in Movie Viewing)
• Meditation Practice
As a community...

• Email free Fridays, weekends, holidays, after 5:00, etc.
• Create schedules that honor teacher planning and collaboration time during the day
• Align initiatives and stop doing things that have no evidence and/or data to support impact (resource mapping & alignment brief) and teams (working smarter/teaming structure alignment)
• Create platforms for collaborative efforts- a culture of collective effort and impact
Small Learning Communities for Staff

- Consider strategic reconfiguration of staff models
  - Maximize high quality instruction
  - Maximize connections with individual students
- Consider teacher staff strengths, preferences
- Consider student voice/choice
- Allows community building with familiar faces

How might you lean into this structure?

(Chiefs for Change, 2020)
## Shift in Data

- Professional Quality of Life
- Surveys

### Survey Items

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What data sources do you use or might you use to uncover strengths and needs of staff wellness?

- Naturally occurring data sources (surveys, regular check-ins integrated into staff mtgs, and all other staff meetings)
- “Suggestion Box”
- Surveys
- Attrition & Retention
- Leave time patterns in the aggregate
- Aggregate data for access to EAP, types of resources accessed
Questions to inform Efforts

• % of staff who feel connected (within grade level/team and/or school level)
• % of staff who feel like they can manage their workload
• % of staff who feel like they are managing their changing role
• % of staff who feel like they have skills to manage student needs
• % of staff who feel the workload is manageable
• % of staff who feel they have a voice at the table with school, district, state
• % of staff who feel appreciated by students, families, administration, central office
Most of our students, families and staff will be supported if we fortify/strengthen Tier 1 supports

How will we use “old” and new data in aggregate to build solutions?

- Before COVID
  - Attendance, behavior, grades, course completion, % impacted by opioid, % food assistance, % of crisis calls
- During COVID
  - % students logging in, % completing assignments
  - % of staff personally impacted (loss, unemployment, first responder, essential workers)
  - % staff who may not be able to return face to face
  - % stress coming back (e.g. social injustice, environmental, covid related,)
- Ongoing discovery - uncovering the needs of our community members
  - Screening, attendance, behavior, nursing logs, instructional time
  - Family check ins
  - Staff check ins

- District level- distribute resources based on need
- School level- excel file that tracks students needing additional supports
Data informed response...using MTSS logic

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<td>Select SEB curriculum</td>
<td>Formal process, team based decision. Data used to prioritize skills. All instructional staff model, teach alongside academic content.</td>
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<td>Train staff on trauma informed practices</td>
<td>Team based training. Time to embed new learning.</td>
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## Building a Resilient Community

1. **Identify needs**
2. **Build safe, predictable, consistent routines,**
3. **Make time to build and strengthen relationships/connection/communication**

### Data Sources
- How will we uncover the needs of our staff?
- How will we uncover the needs of our students?
- How will we uncover the needs of our families?

### Practices
- What will we do to support majority of our staff?
- What will we do to support majority of our students?
- What will we do to support majority of our families?

### Systems/Structures
- How will we promote consistency and stick to our plan?
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