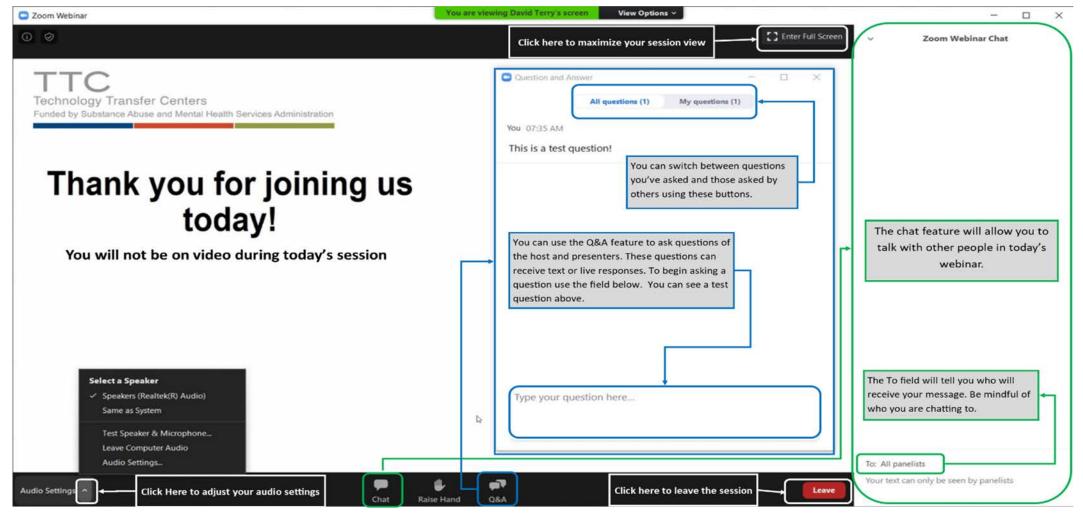
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### Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) Champions Pave the Way!

**Elevating Teacher Leaders to Support Sustainable SEL** 

## **Tomorrow's Sessions**

Session 1 9:00 am– 10:15 am EST The Secret Sauce for Building Successful Home School Partnerships

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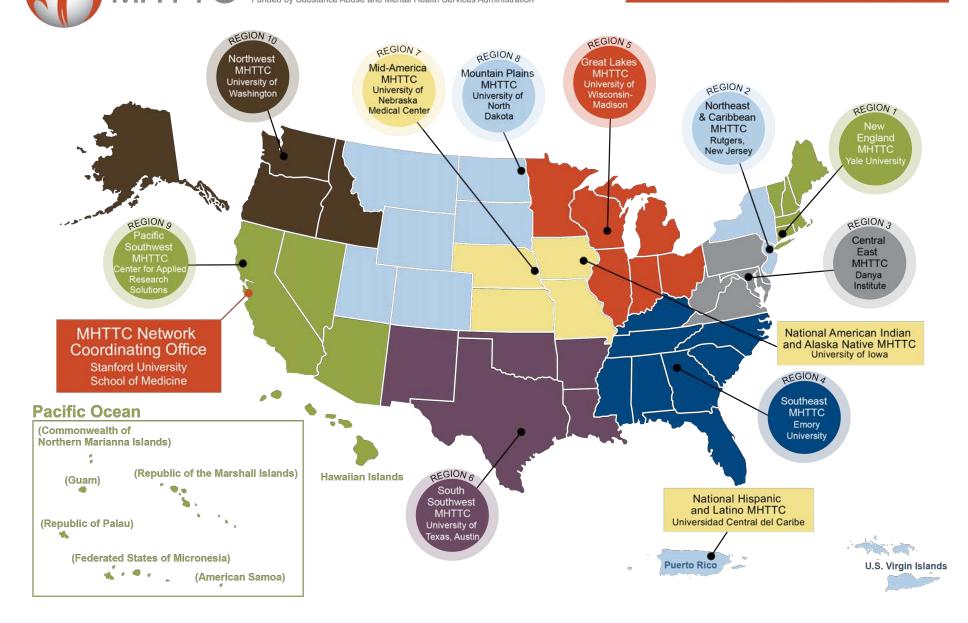
- Enhance capacity of behavioral health workforce to deliver evidence-based and promising practices to individuals with mental illnesses.
- Address full continuum of services spanning mental illness prevention, treatment, and recovery supports.
- Train related workforces (police/first responders, primary care providers, etc.) to provide effective services to people with mental illnesses.

#### Special focus on enhancing student mental health in schools.



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#### MHTTC Network



## School Mental Health Supplement

Supplemental funding was awarded to provide training and TA to teachers and school staff regarding student mental health (2018-2022)

Focus on:

Importance of mental health supports in schools Capacity to recognize and identify mental health concerns in students Best models of school-based mental health services Linking, as needed, to community-based services



#### **Trainings**

Youth Mental Health First Aid Trauma Informed Schools Cultivating Resiliency Suicide Prevention Social Emotional Learning Crisis Interventions School Refusal and Anxiety Self-Care

#### **Technical Assistance**

Individualized plans with schools Implementation of SMH Resource Mapping Needs Assessment Teaming Assessment Tiered Supports Funding



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Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) Champions Pave the Way!

#### Elevating Teacher Leaders to Support Sustainable SEL

#### Franklin Elementary School- Newark, NJ

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## **Our Presenters**



Meredith Gray



#### Kathleen Hooban



Paige Miller



#### Session Objectives:

- Understand approaches for successful SEL implementation
- Identify strategies to build sustainable SEL implementation
- Describe one school communities systematic SEL implementation and discuss lessons learned

## **Emotions Matter**

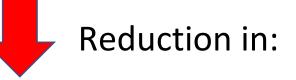
#### What is Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)?

- SEL is the process through which children and adults acquire and effectively apply the knowledge, attitude, and skills necessary to:
  - understand and manage emotions,
  - set and achieve positive goals,
  - feel and show empathy to others,
  - establish and maintain personal relationships; and
  - make responsible decisions

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#### What does the research tell us about SEL?





Social-emotional skills Improved attitudes about self, others, and school

Positive classroom behavior

Increase in standardized achievement test

Conduct problems Emotional distress

## SEL in Schools

Building supportive classroom environments

Creating opportunities for communitybuilding

Creating a sense of belonging & emotional safety

**Empowering Student Voice** 

Delivering explicit SEL instruction

Aligning SEL and academic objectives



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## SEL in Homes & Communities



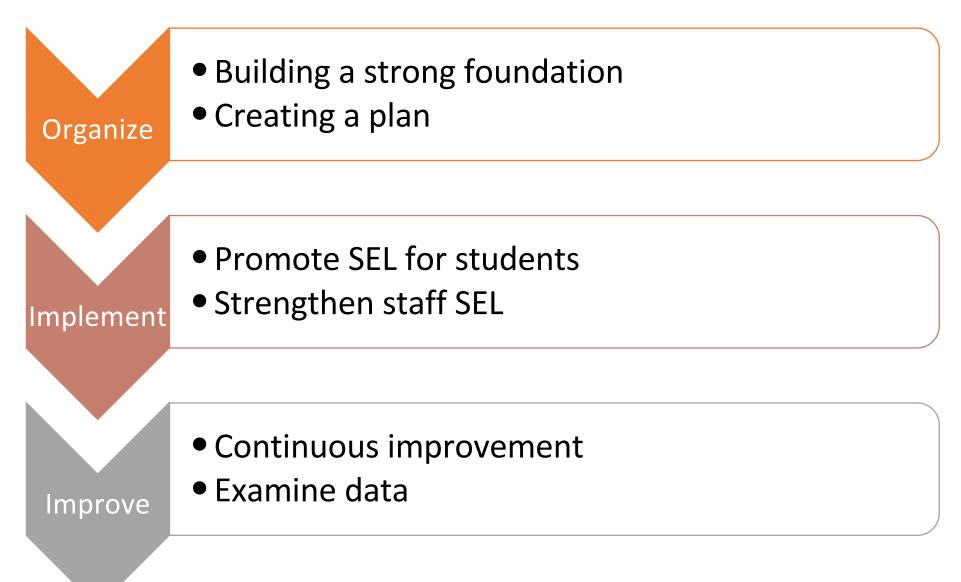
Cultivating students' community awareness Implementing SEL strategies at home Emotion management Family Emotional Safety Managing Stress

Building strong partnerships between school and home

Engaging Parents and caregivers in conversations about the social and emotional growth of families

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# Phases of Implementation



# Building Your Foundation

- Administrator Buy-in
- Establish a SEL Team
- Foundational Learning
- Engage Key Stakeholders



# **Designing Your SEL Program**

#### Single Course

Individual class or SEL block

Delivering evidence-based SEL curriculum

Responsibility on teacher to deliver SEL curriculum

Easily implemented

Harder to maintain sustainability

#### **Curriculum Infusion**

Inside and outside the classroom Infusing social and emotional learning across the curriculum Enhances academics Helps establish sustainability

Pasi, R. J. (2001). *Higher expectations: Promoting social emotional learning and academic achievement in your school*. National Association of Secondary School Principals.

# Sustainability

.....that which is reflected in a change that is incorporate into a school without upsetting the balance of resources or other parts of the system. Hargreaves and Fink (2003)

### Planning for long term success

Active Admin Support and Follow-Through

**Program Consultation** 

Ongoing Training and Professional Development

Model Teachers (SEL Champions)

SEL Program Integration (Whole-School)

District Capacity

Elias, M. (2010). Sustainability of Social-Emotional Learning and related programs: Lessons from a field study. The International Journal of Emotional Education, 2(1).



# Franklin Elementary School

Newark, NJ



# Demographics

- Pre-K to 6<sup>th</sup> grade school located in Newark, NJ. We are growing a grade each year until we reach 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
- 557 Total Students
- 83 % Hispanic, 16 % Black, 1% White
- 83% receive free and reduced lunch
- 23% receive special education services
- One of the largest bilingual programs in the district

# Schoolwide SEL Implementation 2018- Present

Trained students & staff on Tier I supports

Provided additional support as needed for Tier I classroom supports

Increased SEL practices School-wide and gained staff buy-in

Established a cohesive SEL Leadership Team with roles

Established monthly grade level meetings and community/parent SEL workshops

Established a teacher led smaller team to guide the work (SEL Champion Teachers)

Huge focus on staff SEL during the pandemic



# SEL Team Responsibilities

- Consists of one teacher from each grade level, a humanities teacher, administrator, and parent
- Monthly meetings
- Setting goals and monitoring and engaging in ongoing reflection
- Discuss staff training needs and plan trainings for the school yar
- Communicating information related to schoolwide SEL activities to key stakeholders
- Modeling social and emotional competence in their own work

## **SEL Champions**

- Planning and facilitating SEL professional development
- Developing expertise in SEL and identifying strategies that support the social and emotional growth of all students and staff. Modeling social and emotional competence in their own work Collaborate with administration to outline and implement SEL goals



#### COVID-19 Impact

✓ Finding ways to make SEL possible virtually.

- ✓ Focus on Self-Awareness and Self-Management.
- ✓ Using school-wide read aloud "I'm Gonna Push Through", "A Place Inside of Me" and "The Best Part of Me" to support SEL.
- Providing parent workshops to support families around SEL during virtual learning.
- Monthly grade level meetings to support adult SEL needs during virtual learning.

## Lessons Learned

#### <u>Glows</u>

- Staff and Community buy-in.
- Consistency with planning amongst teams to provide successful SEL.
- Universal screening tool showed growth in competencies.
- Increased engagement and interest amongst students.

#### <u>Grows</u>

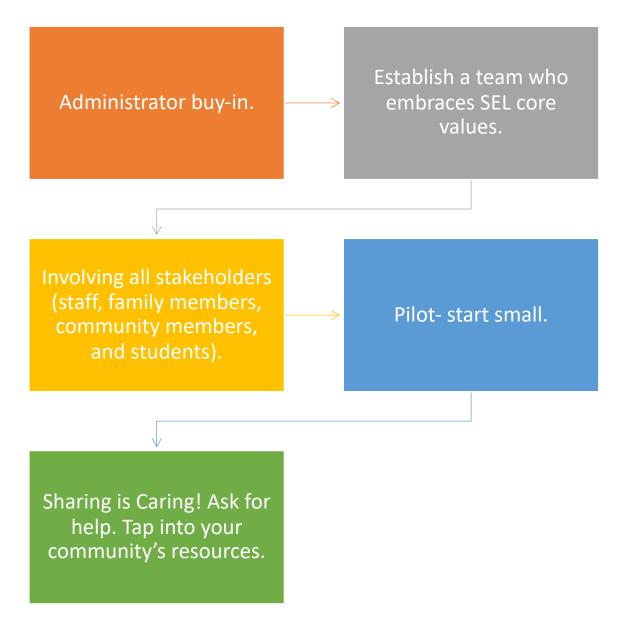
- Consistency of implementation across grade levels.
- Utilizing data to prioritize grade level SEL needs.
- Supporting and Coaching staff members with SEL best practices.
- Consistency around adult SEL and mindfulness practices.
- Expanding the team to represent the upper grade levels.

#### What's Next: 2021-22 SY Implementation

- Development of Parent Academy through PTO
  - Parent SEL groups
- Development of School Store
- Schoolwide Incorporation of Daily Affirmations
- Teachers Engaging in and Learning to Write Transformational SEL curriculum
  - Beginning with research-based lessons developed by experts in the field of ELA and SEL
  - Embracing and utilizing CASEL framework across all content areas
  - New Teacher Academy
  - Selecting Texts to support SEL framework that are windows and mirrors to our students lives.



### Tips for Successful Implementation





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- Helplines and Support
- National Suicide Hotline 1-800-273-8255
- NAMI 1-800-950-NAMI (6264) or <u>info@nami.org</u>
- Mental Health America- 1-800-273-TALK (8255), text MHA to 741741

- SAMHSA's National Helpline - referral and information - 1-800-662-HELP (4357)
- SAMHSA's Disaster Distress Helpline 1-800-985-5990 or text TalkWithUs to 66746

### Next Session:

Tomorrow, 9/1/2021

### The Secret Sauce for Building Successful Home School Partnerships

#### 9:00 am- 10:15 am EST

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