Counseling Update

MDUSD November 14, 2016

History

- Counselors brought back due to board action beginning May 24, 2014
- Counselors had not been in place since 1992
- MDUSD had social emotional supports with Social Workers, Psychologists, and Interns
- MDUSD had academic supports with the Student Services Coordinator position

Counselors: Year Two

- Elementary: 17 counselors assigned for 1-5 days per school
 Middle: 18 counselors at our middle schools
 High Schools: 20 counselors at our five comprehensive high
- High Schools: 20 counselors at our five comprehensive high schools and alternative education schools







Elementary Counselors











Elementary Counselors

- Connect with students one-on-one and in small groups
- Lunch bunch
- Class presentation, activities, and games
- Call parents and connect families to resources
- School meetings (PBIS, Care Team, Leadership, IEP...)
- Collaborate and consult with school staff
- Facilitate peer mentors, conflict mediation and restorative practices

Middle Counselors











Middle School Counselors

Lunch bunch

- Individual and small groups
- Review and meet with students with D's and F's, low credits and progress reports
- Crisis intervention and support
- School meetings (PBIS, Care Team, Leadership, IEP...)
- Community Restorative Justice circles, classroom presentation
- Serve as a resource and provide consultation to school staff and parents

High school Counselors











High School Counselors

- Monitor grades, credits, and academic progress and meet with students to develop plans for improvement
- School meetings (PBIS, Care Team, Leadership, IEP...)
- Call parents and connect families to resources
- Collaborate and consult with school staff
- Facilitate peer mentors, conflict mediation, restorative practices, TUPE, and classroom presentation
- Support students experiencing mental health concerns
- Evaluate transcripts, develop 4 year plans, use of Naviance, and college/career planning
- Communicate with parents and other stakeholders about student needs

Next Steps

- Continued Professional Development
- Hire 2 more counselors for remaining vacancies
- Phase 3 2017-18 hire final Counselors at high schools plus Holbrook
- Work with other district supports including College and Career Counselors, Social Workers, Psychologists, Interns