

NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2010

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

9/23/10	Core Management Team Meeting
9/27/10	9:00 am EOC Meeting
9/27/10	3:15 pm SSC Meeting

EL RANCHO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SAFE SCHOOLS/HEALTHY STUDENTS GRANT INITIATIVE

El Rancho Unified School District receives the Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative Grant

El Rancho Unified School District (ERUSD) is a 2009 recipient of the Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative Grant. ERUSD is one of twenty-nine recipients of this highly competitive grant, and joins five other school districts in the State of California to receive the 2009 award. Four hundred and twenty two school districts around the country applied for this coveted grant that provides funding



KEY GRANT ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS: Truancy Program, Too Good For Violence, Too Good for Drugs, Every 15 Minutes, Project EX, Character Counts!, Olweus Bullying Prevention Program, Mental Health Screening and Services, Surveillance Equipment, Parenting Classes, and Pregnant Teens Program.

The SS/HS Initiative focuses on Safe school environments and violence prevention activities, Alcohol and other drug prevention activities, Student behavioral, social, and emotional supports, Mental health services, and Early childhood social and emotional learning programs. Through the implementation of SS/HS programs and activities, the District's goal is to reduce truancy, decrease disciplinary actions and improve student academics. The SS/HS grant is geared towards creating a safe and healthy learning environment for students and their families.

The SS/HS Initiative draws on best practices of education, justice, social services, and mental health systems to provide integrated and comprehensive resources for prevention programs and pro-social services for youth. ERUSD and their community partners proposed an integrated, comprehensive, communitywide, and community-specific plan to address the problems of school violence and alcohol and other drug abuse.

Mission and Purpose of Core Management Team (CMT):

ERUSD takes a comprehensive approach in forming school-community committees and collaborations using best practices and programs that include strategies involving prevention, intervention, and enforcement. Student, parent, and community involvement are key components in supporting activities that will improve student skills and behavioral training as well as school environments. The purpose of the CMT is to serve the students, staff, families, and community by improving school safety, reducing school violence, providing mental health services, encouraging pro-social student behavior, and improving student perception of safety resulting in improved academic performance and attendance. The CMT has clearly defined goals, milestones, objectives, and evaluation plans in place to measure progress and outcomes. The CMT will meet on a monthly basis to review project status, outcomes, and achievements.



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SPOTLIGHT ON...

DORA SOTO-DELGADO

An experienced administrator in the El Rancho Unified School District, Mrs. Dora Soto-Delgado, has been made Project Coordinator for the newly-awarded federal grant initiative, Safe Schools/Healthy Students. Mrs. Soto-Delgado has been with the District for 13 years. She has an educator's heart, strongly believing that every student deserves the right to succeed. Her passion for education and equal opportunity has served this District well and will continue to as she takes over the time-consuming job of Project Coordinator for the new Grant Initiative. Mrs. Soto-Delgado is also a devoted soccer mom to her two girls, 9 and 13, frequently driving to weekend soccer tournaments and volunteering her time on the soccer field. Although much of her time is devoted to the El Rancho Unified School District, she and her husband, Alfred (a high school science teacher), thoroughly appreciate and enjoy quality family time.

As part of Mrs. Soto-Delgado's responsibilities, she will see that the grant is administered according to federal guidelines and that there is financial fidelity for the funds that will drive various programs and projects. She will also maintain records on the project's operations to ensure program objectives are being met; including specific performance measures in the evaluation plan. To this end, Mrs. Soto-Delgado will work with the local and national Project Evaluators to collect key program information for assessing whether project activities and services are meeting the goals and objectives set forth in the grant initiative. Mrs. Soto-Delgado will be responsible for monitoring compliance with all federal, state, and district policies.

Mrs. Soto-Delgado's educational background includes earning a B.S. in Business Administration from California State University, Los Angeles, Masters degree in Counseling from the University of La Verne. Until 1996, Ms. Soto-Delgado was an urban planner for the City of Pico Rivera, at which time she took her teaching credentials to ERUSD to become a primary school teacher. Up to the present, Ms. Soto-Delgado has served as the District Superintendent's designee in Child Welfare and Attendance.

