



Montebello Unified School District Safe Schools/Healthy Students Grant Initiative

Upcoming Activities

4/3 EWG Meeting 10-12 pm

4/6 CMT Meeting 10-12 pm

4/13-4/14 40 Developmental Assets Training

4/17 Mental Health Service Provider Meeting

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

Montebello Unified School District (MUSD) is a 2008 recipient of the Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative Grant. MUSD is one of fifty-seven recipients of this highly competitive grant, and joins five other school districts in the State of California to receive the 2008 award. Hundreds of school districts around the country apply for this coveted grant that provides funding for comprehensive services and programs in creating a safe and healthy learning environment for students and their families. MUSD will receive \$2,200,000 in funding for each of the four consecutive grant years, for a total of \$8,800,000. 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. MUSD 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. The SS/HS Initiative focuses on five elements:

Element 1: Safe school environments and violence prevention activities

Element 2: Alcohol and other drug prevention activities

Element 3: Student behavioral, social, and emotional supports

Element 4: Mental health services

Element 5: Early childhood social and emotional learning programs

KEY GRANT ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS: Truancy Program, *Too Good For Violence, Too Good for Drugs, Towards No Drugs, Every 15 Minutes, Project EX, 40 Developmental Assets, After-School Activities, Olweus Bullying Prevention Program, Mental Health Screening and Services, Surveillance Equipment, Parenting Classes, Pregnant Teens Program, and School/Community Emergency Preparedness Program.*

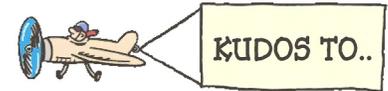
Mission and Purpose of Core Management Team (CMT):

MUSD 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 quarterly basis to review project status, outcomes, and achievements.

For additional information

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Project Director Michael Cobarrubias

His passion is kids, particularly those at-risk, his experience is extensive, and he's an enthusiastic educator ready to take on the task of bringing community, parents, students, and teachers together in the effort to promote school safety and youth development. MUSD is fortunate to have Michael Cobarrubias take the lead in developing the administration and financial fidelity of the SS/HS Grant Initiative. Michael brings to the table 30 years of classroom and administrative experience and has been involved with MUSD since 1986.

Mr. Cobarrubias will have responsibility for maintaining project records, including specific performance measures in the evaluation plan. The Core Management Team will look to Michael to provide information, findings and products to ensure that the project stays focused on all aspects of the initiative's goals to bring about a safe, healthy and academically sound district.

On the personal side of Michael's profile, his wife, Denise is a 3rd grade teacher at the district's Washington Elementary School, and his daughter, Dayna is the Managing Director of Development for the nationally-ranked *Teach for America*. It's a family of impressive credentials!

On the fun side, Michael enjoys playing a competitive game of racquetball, learning how to play golf and listening to the sounds of crooners Michael Buble and Steve Tyrell.

It's a big district and a big job. The district is proud to honor Michael Cobarrubias for the skill and dedication he will bring to both.

