

## Silver Valley High School.....



Silver Valley High School held their annual Site Strategic Planning meeting on Monday, March 21, 2016. Those in attendance included students, site administrators, teachers, and classified staff, as well as, parents and representatives from Fort Irwin and the MCLB.

The meeting focused on four main areas: Student/Parent Support, Technology, Culture, and College and Career Readiness. In the area of Student/Parent Support, participants learned about the services offered by the Counseling Department and visited a class to observe the Response to Intervention (RTI) program. For Technology, 1<sup>st</sup> year teacher, Mr. Seegrist, shared a new assessment application he and other teachers are using called Plicker. In the area of Culture, Mrs. Eidsvoog presented an overview of the successful results of PBIS implementation at SVHS. Finally, College and Career Readiness was presented by Mr. Sullivan. The group also visited our AVID class.

After the presentations, input was gleaned from participants about the information shared. Staff members then met in the afternoon to develop goals based on input from those in attendance. Those goals were later shared with the entire staff and will guide SVHS throughout the upcoming year.

## Tiefort View Intermediate School.....



Tiefort View Intermediate School held their Site Strategic planning Meeting on Friday February 19, 2016. The group of 19 members included teachers, classified staff, parents, students, community members, Ft.Irwin CYS members, and site/ district administration.

Mrs. Briarly Mayeda, 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher and PBIS coach, presented information regarding Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS). Mrs. Mayeda shared the tiers of PBIS as well as the expectations and positive rewards given through the PBIS program.

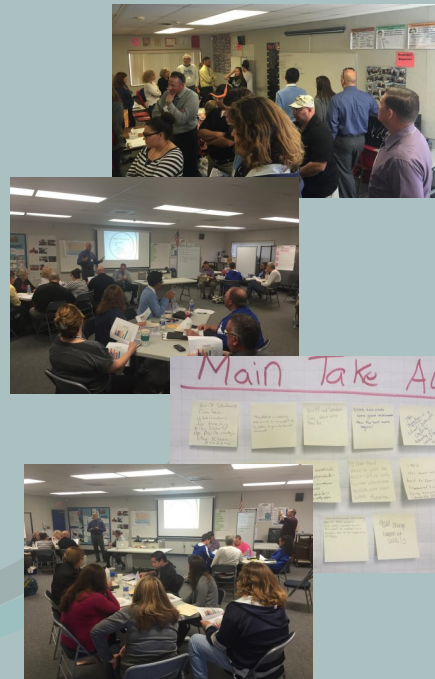
Ms. Pamela Gutierrez, RTI teacher, presented information regarding the Response to Intervention (RTI) program at TVIS. She shared information about Read 180 and System 44 and the growth the students have made. The Site Strategic planning team also took a field trip to one of the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classrooms to see how teachers are using RTI in the classrooms with a small group setting. Ms. Gutierrez also shared information regarding after school intervention and enrichment programs.

Mrs. Tayler-Ann Brull, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher, spoke about the Technology that is used at Tiefort as well as the programs both teachers and students use in the classroom. She handed out projects to the group that students had created using technology in the classroom. The group went to the computer lab and saw the students using the various programs that are used at home and in the classroom.

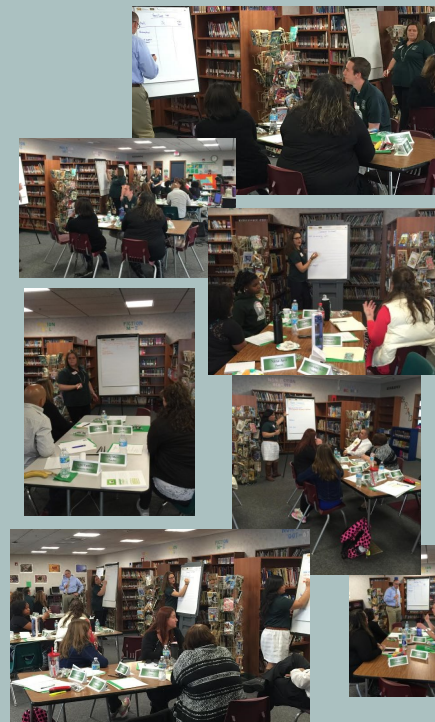
Mr. Blaine Van Leeuwen, 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, discussed all the Parent/Community Support that TVIS has received this year. TVIS was overwhelmed by the community support in our big Drive Thru dinner fundraiser this year, selling 500 more tickets than ever before. We have also received several donations for books, field trips, PE equipment and soccer goals from MCSC and Donors Choose.

At the end of the meeting each member of the team answered two questions on what information they found helpful and what they would like to know more about. This information was helpful in determining our areas of focus. In the afternoon all of the staff members collaborated to create action steps and set a goal for each area of focus. This was very valuable and helped Tiefort View find ways to meet the needs of the stakeholders. The day was very successful!

## Silver Valley HS Pictures!



## Tiefort View Pictures!



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# SILVER VALLEY SPOTLIGHT!

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## From the Superintendent...

As we end another school year I would like to take a moment to thank everyone for another great year! I appreciate all the hard work from the teachers and classified staff to ensure our students are in a safe, clean, and productive learning environment. To the parents, thank you for your continued support of our schools. This is a journey that we could not make without your input and backing. We truly appreciate your students and the joy and happiness they have brought to our classrooms!

Our hope is that everyone has a safe and happy summer filled with lots of rest and peace. We look forward to seeing all of you in August to begin another successful year in Silver Valley!



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## Our Schools...

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Lewis Elementary School  
Patti LeBlanc, Principal  
Taryn Lamoreaux, Dean  
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Newberry Springs Elementary  
Heidi Chavez, Principal  
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Silver Valley High School  
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Tiefort View Intermediate School  
Aubrey Zucco, Principal  
Taryn Lamoreaux, Dean  
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Yermo Elementary School  
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## Annual Update Topics

## Technology

- Tech Overview & Progress
- Infinite Campus & CALPADS
- Tech Support
- Ed Tech Support & Training

## Student/Parent Support

- PBIS Coaches
- Parent Leadership Classes
- Enrichment Programs
- ORFF Ensemble
- Community Communication



## Participant Feedback:

- "Always enjoy these meetings and the opportunity to come up with and begin to work solutions to questions/issues."
- "This made me realize how good and how much better the Mojave Desert is with this school district."
- "Stakeholder input is valued and heard. We see ideas & suggestions that are made, become reality in the schools"

## Next Steps Based on Participant Input:



## Technology

- Expand technology training opportunities for all staff members
- Include technology training opportunities for parents at sites.
- Update district and school web sites to improve communication with families and the community



## Student/Parent Support

- Increased enrichment opportunities for students
- Increased opportunities for parent training
- Increased communication with parents and the community
- Create partnerships with the military and broader community to promote and increase participation in programs

## Coming Fall 2016: District Fall Update

- Student Achievement
- District Stability
- Review of SVUSD CAASPP results

## STRATEGIC PLAN ANNUAL UPDATE....

On Thursday, May 17, the SVUSD strategic planning team met at the District Office. During their time together the team was able to listen to the many success stories from district personnel, give input into the next steps the district should take and listen to information about the District Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP).

Representatives from the district were able to share an update in the areas of student achievement and district stability. During the student achievement presentations, the team was able to hear about the increase in Career & Technical Education (CTE) courses offered at both SVHS and the AEC. Survey data regarding teacher collaboration and professional development was shared. Results from the data showed that XX% of teacher agreed that the district provided appropriate professional development to prepare teachers, and XX% of teachers felt that the administrators provided meaningful collaboration time for them to meet and complete tasks with their fellow grade level teachers.

One of the highlights during the district stability presentations was presented by Taryn Lamoreaux. Taryn shared with the group all the steps the school sites and district have taken this year to improve student safety. The district's Classified Directors, and representatives, shared the training their staff members go through on an annual basis to ensure they stay informed of all new information and changes in laws and procedures.

The SVUSD Tech Department, Robert Saffel, Rory Sena, James Worland, Rachel Yochum, Amir Paniagua and Libby Garrett shared a great deal of information on the updates the district has done in the area of technology. In the face of tightening budgets, SVUSD has been able to upgrade its technological infrastructure that will allow students and staff alike to have access to the Internet and other technological tools to enhance student learning.

In the final presentations of the afternoon the planning team listened to presentations on student and parent support provided by the school sites and district. Yermo School teacher and District PBIS Coach, Christina Trujillo, outlined the progress the school sites have made this year in the area of PBIS. She also was able to show that several sites are eligible to receive awards from our Desert/Mountain SELPA based on their implementation of PBIS. Cheri Rigdon, District Psychologist, was able to share the results for the district's Love & Logic® training for parents. Deb Farrington, Music teacher and ORFF Ensemble Director, shared the journey the district's music program has made over the past several years and how successful the students have been. The District also outlined its efforts to improve communication with the community and their plans to update their website to assist in that effort.

To read more about SVUSD, go to the following links:

LCAP: <http://goo.gl/qWNtD8>

LCAP Infographic: <http://goo.gl/by8Mfi>

District Strategic Plan Fall Update 2015: <http://goo.gl/OgcxBZ>



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## SAFETY IN SVUSD....

Student and staff safety is our top priority and this past year SVUSD held two District Safety & Emergency Preparedness Committee meetings. Members included classified & certificated staff, site & district administration and community members. At the last meeting, Feb. 25, 2016, the committee gathered to discuss what the sites and district have been doing to prepare for emergencies. Presentations given during the meeting included: District communication (training using satellite radios, School Messenger, HAM radio, district paging system); Great California Shake out reports from the sites; and an Active Shooter drill at SVHS. Presenters also updated the committee on the emergency containers at the sites, future active shooter drills, school safety plans and the GETS Cards.

David Davis, Emergency Services Officer for San Bernardino County Fire, spoke to the group as well. He was very impressed with the District's level of preparedness. He said, "I want to tell you it was refreshing to see the passion and drive and LEADERSHIP for the subject of Emergency Preparedness and student/staff safety..."



Overall I would give your district an "A-", just because an "A" may make you slow down on this great work you are all doing."



## ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION CENTER....

On April 13<sup>th</sup> 2016, community members, parents, teachers and students came together to hold a successful Site Strategic Planning meeting. We had over 20 people in attendance to give insight and feedback necessary to continue the amazing progress the AEC has achieved.

The AEC focused on 4 areas. Ms. Arnold the school counselor presented information in regards to data and student achievement. Mr. Baker shared information on Project based Learning. Ms. Hignett presented on Positive Behavior Intervention and Support at the AEC. Mr. Cox shared information on community involvement.

The members present had opportunities to share and discuss ideas pertaining to the presentations and give input for the future. The AEC collected a feedback form that allowed members to share perspectives about the meeting and share ideas about things they learned and things that they would like to know more about.

The Staff at the AEC then used this information from the meeting and the feedback forms to create actions steps and measureable goals to implement aligned with the information learned from the Site Strategic Planning meeting. All present were pleased with the information and direction the school is taking. We received great feedback from all participants and feel excited about the future.

WASC  
Mid-Cycle Review

The Western Association of Schools and Colleges sent representatives to Silver Valley High School and the Alternative Education Center as part of a scheduled mid-cycle review of their current six-year accreditations. The purpose is to verify the schools are making progress towards the goals are the areas of focus the visiting teams established three years ago.

Both visiting teams were very impressed with the progress made at the schools and how much the schools are able to do for students even with the limited financial and staff resources. Silver Valley High School provides a large high school experience in small school setting. The Alternative Education Center provides individual support for students and a variety of opportunities even though they have a small staff.

The school sites recently received their official notification letters stating that both schools' current accreditation have been reaffirmed through the end of their current six-year cycle based on the visiting teams' reports.

