

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS of Inyo County - Planning Grant



Let the Kick-Off Begin!

February/March 2024 Newsletter

While the Super Bowl was a highlight for folks across the country, your local Community Schools initiative had their own kick-off in February. Steering committees in North and South Inyo County met to learn more about Community Schools and dig into the listening project. Students, staff, family and community members came together to share their vision, brainstorm listening methods, and identify what they want to know about our schools.



The south county team with community members from Big Pine, Lone Pine and Owens Valley districts.

The north county team with community members from Bishop and Round Valley districts.



WHAT'S NEXT?

The listening project will entail a general surveying process of all educational partners: students, staff, family and community members. Surveys started rolling out to staff, students, and families in March and will be ongoing into April. As results come back, we anticipate holding focus groups to facilitate deeper conversation.

A friendly reminder that all survey results are anonymous because we want your honest input!

Still to come: continued outreach to and surveying of students, families, staff and community members in April and May.

Pillar Highlight: Integrated Student Supports

Community schools are built upon four pillars, as introduced in the October newsletter. The Integrated Student Supports pillar focuses on the whole child by considering what needs students may have that when met prepares them for learning. When these needs aren't met, a student may struggle to be ready to learn. California Community Schools framework states that integrated student supports are, "services that meet their (students) academic, physical, social-emotional, and mental health needs," and includes the "coordination of trauma-informed health, mental health, and social services." By asking students, staff and family members what they need, our schools can better identify and serve their communities, ensuring all students are receiving equal opportunity in their education. This could look different at every community school!



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Every community school is different. What will yours be like?

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