



## Fort Irwin Middle School.....

Fort Irwin Middle School (FIMS) held its annual Site Strategic Planning meeting on Monday, October 17, 2016. A team of 22 people, which included parents, community members, students, support staff, teachers, and the school administration, met to evaluate the four areas of focus for the school: Advancement via Independent Determination (AVID), Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS), Response to Intervention (RtI), and Community Involvement. FIMS Teachers presented to the Site Strategic Planning Team what is currently happening at Fort Irwin Middle School. The team was divided into four groups with equal representation of stakeholders from the school and community. Each group provided feedback for Fort Irwin Middle School teachers and support staff on ways to improve our practices. During the AVID presentation the 8th grade AVID students joined the meeting to demonstrate the process they engage in during AVID tutorials on Tuesday's and Thursday's. The Site Strategic Planning Team visited our RtI classroom in order for the team to see all the different RtI programs happening at Fort Irwin Middle School. This was a snapshot with students participating in small group sessions, computer based learning, listening centers, and skill building activities in both English Language Arts and Mathematics. Overall, the day was a success with parents and community members very pleased with what FIMS teachers and support staff are doing to support students.

### Fort Irwin MS Pictures!



Tiefert View Intermediate School held their Site Strategic planning Meeting on Tuesday September 27, 2016. The group of 17 members included teachers, classified staff, parents, students, community members, and site/ district administration.

## Tiefert View Intermediate School.....



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. She also shared parent, students, and staff input on the effectiveness of the program through videos.

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. Ms. Gutierrez also shared information regarding after school intervention and enrichment programs that are offered to more than 250 students.

Mrs. Kimberly Scopazzo, 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, spoke about the Technology that is used at Tiefert as well as the programs both teachers and students use in the classroom. She spoke about Google Boot camp and the training that is offered to teachers throughout the year. The group also went to the computer lab and saw the students using the various programs that can be 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. He highlighted the PTO and MCSC as a few groups that are supporting our students in a BIG way. He included teachers that are writing grants for classroom supplies and activities.

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 essential in determining our areas of focus areas for the next year.

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 Tiefert View find ways to meet the needs of the stakeholders. The day was very successful!

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# SILVER VALLEY SPOTLIGHT!

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## From the Superintendent...

Welcome back to another successful year in Silver Valley Unified School District! We are proud to share with you the wonderful things going on in our district to promote student achievement. We will begin our ninth year of strategic planning at the district level and our third year at the site level. During these meetings stakeholders have opportunities to provide input and feedback on our Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP). As staff, parents and community members you have multiple opportunities to be involved in leadership opportunities. Please contact your student's principal to find out how you can get involved.

We welcome your input on what you would like to see and hear about in future newsletters. We have so many success stories to share that it's sometimes hard for us to decide what to pass on to our community. If you have something that you think we should spotlight please contact me at [superintendent@svusdk12.net](mailto:superintendent@svusdk12.net) and I will pass it along.

Thank you for your continued support of our schools. Have a Happy Holiday season and Joyful New Year!

To read more about SVUSD please visit our website: [www.svusdk12.net](http://www.svusdk12.net)

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# SILVER VALLEY

## District Strategic Plan Fall Update 2016

### Silver Valley Unified School District Priorities



### Fall Update Topics

#### Student Achievement

2016 CAASPP Results  
Read 180  
System 44  
Math 180

#### District Stability

On-boarding  
Recruitment  
Professional Development  
Leadership Development

### Participant Responses

"I enjoyed learning about Google. It has shown me my child is connected to her school for her success."  
 "It's great to know the district has its continuous efforts to improve and attain sustained stability through Professional Development across all areas of district operations."  
 "This was well worth the time today."



### Participant Responses

"Great opportunity to hear feedback from parents, students, and classified about on-boarding and Professional Development. Sharing was powerful. Thanks!"  
 "What we are doing in the district for students achievement is working.....keep it up!"  
 "All SVUSD staff is empowered to take advantage of learning opportunities to lead to high student achievement."



### Stakeholder Feedback on...

#### Student Achievement- Building a stronger learning culture for all students

- Setting positive perspective of learning culture and experiences of success
- All involved in student learning
- Responsibility
- Strengthening relationships with teachers and students
- Flexibility based on individual needs and strengths

#### District Stability- Impact of continued on-boarding and professional development

- Consistency
- Students feel they are part of a learning community
- Students see teachers growing and continuing the learn
- Increased confidence/competence
- Staff feels supported and valued
- Increased teacher/staff retention
- On-boarding creates a stronger district

### "Students at center"



### Student Feedback...

"I just passed System 44! I feel amazing... now I am a better reader."  
 "Math 180 has helped me grow as a math student."  
 "Read 180 has helped me with my fluency and understanding what I read...I now read with emotions."  
 "I didn't really like reading and when I went into System 44 I started saying, 'Wow, I get this now!'"  
 "Read 180, it's helped me read, write, and understand vocabulary."

## STRATEGIC PLAN ANNUAL UPDATE....

On Monday, October 24, 2016 the Silver Valley Unified School District (SVUSD) held its annual Fall Update to its strategic plan. Over 35 representatives, including students, parents, community members, classified staff, teachers and administrators were in attendance. SVUSD places a great value on this meeting, held twice a year, and the site strategic planning meetings. Information gathered from the participants is used to inform our Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) and gain feedback on current programs and initiatives.

The District shared out their progress in two of the four areas of the District Strategic Plan: Student Achievement and District Stability. Besides sharing the results of the 2015-16 CAASPP results, Mr. Youskievicz focused on the District's RtI programs going back about six years when it was a pilot program with two teachers, one at Yermo and one at TVIS. It's now grown to having six teachers at six sites doing reading. The District has also added a math intervention program as well. It started as a pilot program at Silver Valley High School and Ft. Irwin Middle school and now it continues to grow. SVHS and FIMS continue to offer the math intervention and this year it was added at Yermo Elementary.

The District Strategic Planning team also learned about the different things SVUSD does to promote district stability. Due to our location we have, historically, had a high rate of teachers leaving. This can lead to instability and have a negative impact on student achievement. Molly Baldwin and Josh Shorkozadeh, second year teachers in the district, spoke about their experience of coming to SVUSD, being recruited out of the Midwest, and all the professional and personal support they have received and continue to get here in SVUSD.

After their presentation the attendees got to hear how the district provides professional development at all levels of the district. Trainings included an outside coach working with the Directors, site administrators attending weekend classes offered by the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA), teachers and classified staff using Google Classroom and Apps to more effectively do their jobs and support student success.



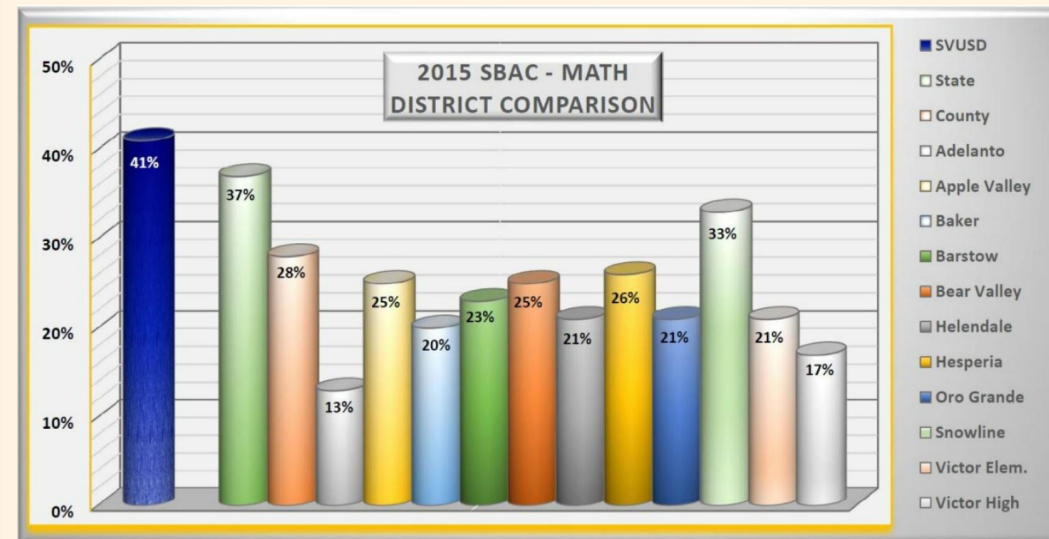
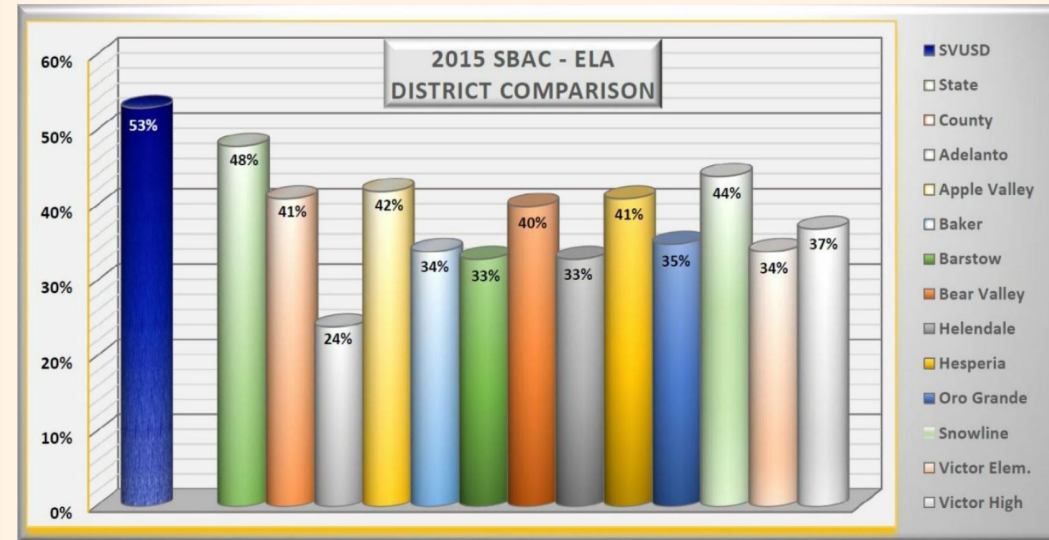
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LCAP: <http://goo.gl/qWNtD8>

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

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

## SVUSD 2015 - 16 CAASPP RESULTS.....



## SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING.....

**Safety first!** On Thursday, September 29, Silver Valley held its annual Fall District Safety & Emergency Preparedness meeting. Attendees at the meeting included representatives from school staff and administration, district administration, Fort Irwin and Marine Corps Logistics Base, our local Community Emergency Response Teams and fire departments, and San Bernardino County. The team heard presentations on the Alternative Education Center's active shooter drill, the Ready SB App focusing on disaster preparedness and the "Signal for Safety" program, and a presentation on how to better protect our students and staff during lockdown and active shooter scenarios. School site representatives also had the opportunity to report out the types and number of fire, lockdown, and earthquake drills they had conducted so far this year. They also shared new safety practices they have started implementing at the sites to make communication with staff and outside agencies more effective and efficient in times of emergency.

Participants also had opportunities to share their thoughts and insights on what the District was doing to keep its students and staff safe and suggest next possible steps for the District to take to ensure safety and emergency preparedness. It was a very positive meeting for all involved!

This year Silver Valley once again outperformed the rest of the High Desert school districts on the California Assessment for Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) given to students in grades 3-8 and 11. This is the new assessment to measure students' ability to meet the California Common Core State Standards. Silver Valley continues to provide the best instruction for its students and professional development for its teachers and staff.

With our success we also know we still have a lot of hard work ahead of us to ensure that ALL students in our district are meeting state standards. Through our District and Site Strategic Planning meetings we gather valuable input from all stakeholders to help us more narrowly focus our efforts to improve student achievement.

We appreciate the continued support from our staff, parents and community in helping to make Silver Valley Unified School District the best in the High Desert!

## District Safety and Emergency Preparedness