In July San Mateo County Office of Education (SMCOE) and San Mateo Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) was awarded $6 million dollars over 4 years as part of the Mental Health School Services Act Grant (MHSSA). This grant will provide 12 districts, (Bayshore, Jefferson Elementary, Jefferson Union, Pacifica, San Bruno, Hillsborough City, Burlingame Elementary, Cabrillo Unified, San Mateo Foster City, San Carlos, Sequoia Union and Ravenswood) with Tier 1 Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Curriculum, Community Resiliency Model (CRM) Training from the Trauma Resource Institute for all district staff and data analysis in partnership with American Institute for Research (AIR) and Tier 2 SEL curriculum, Counseling Staff and Care Solace for select districts.

In October the Safe and Supportive Schools Team at SMCOE has been working hard to launch the Tier 1 interventions funded by the grant. Contracts have been executed and school district/site-based teams have been meeting with the representatives from their SEL choice. Implementation plans have been laid out with a big push to start the SEL curriculum when students return to school after winter break.

In November 25 educators were trained to be trainers of the Community Resiliency Model (CRM) by the Trauma Resource Institute. This training will be made available to all 12 districts participating in this grant, as well as the other 12 districts. Training of districts has already begun with our new trainers, and many districts have scheduled the CRM trainings for when school staff return back in January.

In December, the SYSTEM Support team collaborated with Tobacco use Prevention and to be able to expand the Care Solace services to a few more school districts, including Pacifica School District, which is part of this grant. Through collaboration with both the Sequoia Health Care District and the Peninsula Health Care District, the San Mateo County Office of Education is able to offer all 24 school districts county wide access to Care Solace Services for their students, families and staff. To learn more about Care Solace, visit: [https://home.caresolace.com/](https://home.caresolace.com/)

Behind the scenes, SYSTEM Support and AIR are still working on a data base that includes district level data currently available along with data measures that help determine grant goal objectives over the course of the grant.

We are looking forward to the next steps and will be reporting out the progress of SYSTEM Support in February.

Happy Holidays and Stay Safe,