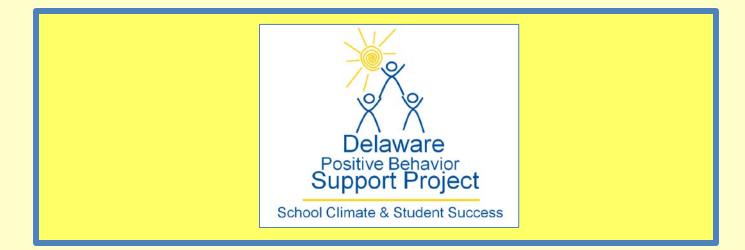
# WELCOME to the Delaware PBS Project Conference





#### **Action Plan**

Delaware Positive Behavior Support Project **Conference Action Planning** Support Project Support Project School Climate & Student Sur School Climate & Student Success + Presentation Where are we now in our What did I learn? What will I do with what I learned? Topics implementation? Multi-Tiered Systems of Support Keynote – Dr. <u>Sugai</u> Excellence Through Equity Tier 1: PBS Meets Growth Mindset



### Special thanks to our guests...

- Center for Disabilities Studies
- Connecting Generations
- DATI
- DASP
- Delaware Division of Prevention & Behavioral Health Services

- Kids Department
- Family Shade
- United Way of Delaware Youth Development Efforts
- Responsive Classroom
- Restorative Practices



### Mark your Calendars Upcoming Event

- Delaware Inclusion Conference
- March 16, 2016

- PBS Strand: Classroom Management by Dr. Diane Myers
- Early Childhood Strand: PTR by Dr. Phil Strain



# **DE-PBS** Phase Recognition

- Phase 1: SWPBS Recognition
- Phase 2: Advanced SWPBS Recognition
- Phase 3: Tier 2 Problem Solving Team Recogniton

Phases 4 and 5 coming soon!



# 2014-15 Phase 1 Recipients

School District	School Name
Appoquinimink School District	Townsend Elementary
Brandywine School District	Forwood Elementary
Cape Henlopen School District	H. O. Brittingham Elementary Rehoboth Elementary
Capital School District	Fairview Elementary
Christina School District	Shue-Medill Middle
Milford School District	Morris Early Childhood Center
Red Clay School District	Highlands Elementary



# 2014-15 Phase 2 Recipients

School District	School Name
Appoquinimink School District	Olive B. Loss Elementary
	Redding Middle
	Silver Lake Elementary
Brandywine School District	Carrcroft Elementary
	Maple Lane Elementary
Cape Henlopen School District	Milton Elementary
Capital School District	Dover High School
	East Dover Elementary
	South Dover Elementary



### 2014-15 Phase 2 Recipients

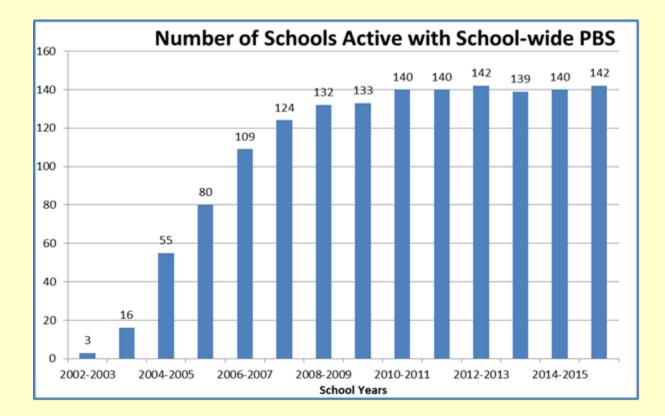
School District	School Name
Christina School District	Brader Elementary
	Leasure Elementary
	McVey Elementary
	Wilson Elementary
	Keene Elementary
Colonial School District	Eisenberg Elementary
Lake Forest School District	Lake Forest East Elementary Lake Forest North Elementary
	Lake Forest South Elementary
	W. T. Chipman Middle
Milford School District	Lulu Ross Elementary
Red Clay School District	Richardson Park Elementary



# 2014-15 Phase 3 Recipients

School District	School Name
Appoquinimink School	Brick Mill Elementary
District	Bunker Hill Elementary
Brandywine School District	Brandywine Community School
Cape Henlopen School District	Shields Elementary
Capital School District	Hartly Elementary
Christina School District	Gallaher Elementary
	Marshall Elementary
Red Clay School District	Stanton Middle

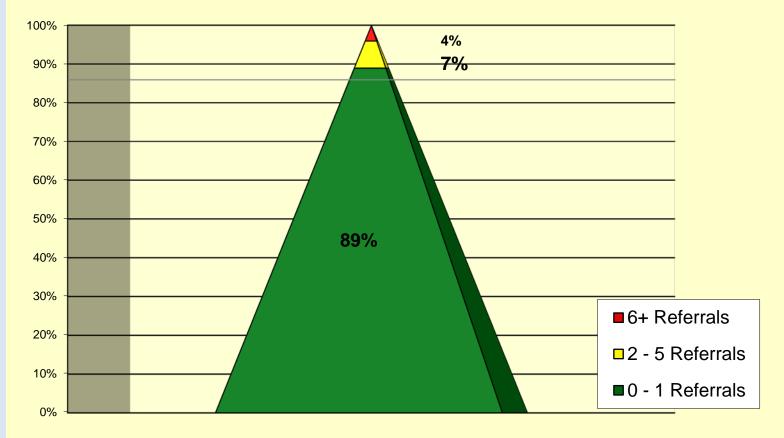




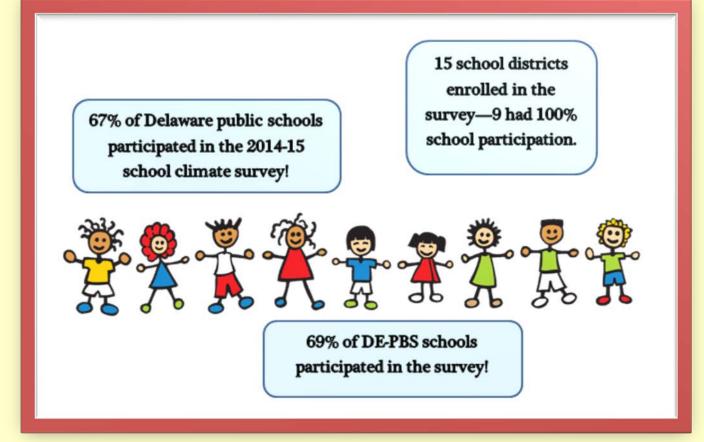


#### **DE State-wide Triangle**

Behavior Referrals by Student N=94 Schools









#### Very Brief Snapshot of Project-Related Research





#### Research Supporting School Climate Measures and Their Importance

- Bear, G. G., Yang, C., Mantz, L., Pasipanodya, E., Boyer, D., & Hearn, S. (2014). Technical manual for Delaware surveys<u>wordpress.oet.udel.edu/pbs/technical-manual-for-schoolclimate-surveys</u>.
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- Yang, C., Bear, G. G., Chen, F.F., Zhang, W., Blank, J.C., & Huang, X.S. (2013). Students perceptions of school climate in the U.S. and China. *School Psychology Quarterly*.
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- Bear, G.G., Holst, B., Lisboa, C., Chen, D., Yang, C., & Chen, F.F. (in press). A Brazilian Portuguese survey of school climate: Evidence of validity and reliability. *International Journal of School and Educational Psychology*.





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- Blank, J., Bear, G.G., Mantz, L., Farley-Ripple, E. (submitted for publication). *Does the frequent use of punishment and use of praise* and rewards promote extrinsic motivation and harm intrinsic motivation?



#### Very Brief Snapshot of Project-Related Research

- 10,344 students in grades 5-12
- HLM
- Greater use of *punitive* consequences = greater levels of extrinsic motivation and slightly lower levels of intrinsic motivation.
- Greater use of *praise and rewards* = greater levels of extrinsic motivation.





#### Very Brief Snapshot of Project-Related Research

• However, contrary to critics' claims about the frequent use of praise and rewards, students' perceived frequency of their use *was not* associated with lower levels of intrinsic motivation.

#### Conclusion:

- Don't worry about the use of praise and rewards (as commonly used, *and when* combined with SEL strategies).
- Think more about negative effects of punishment on motivation.





In Progress:

• Ginsburg-Block, M., Bear, G., Mantz, L., & Chen, D. (in preparation). Teacher and student school climate ratings and discipline referrals over time.

Do suspension rates change as school climate scores change over time?



- 64 schools in 4 districts with high suspension rates (and disproportionality),
- Regardless of grade level, race/ethnicity, and SES, suspension rates declined significantly in schools in which school climate improved over a 4-year period.

Improve school climate, and you're likely to reduce behavior problems!







#### Examined School Climate Scores in the State from 2012-2015

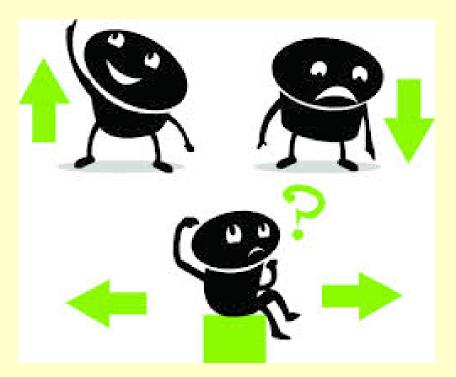
- Delaware School Climate Scale-Student
- Spring 2012 through winter/spring of 2015
- N = 78 elementary, 28 middle, and 20 high schools
- Latent Growth Modeling, conducted by University's Center for Research in Education and Social Policy (CRESP).
- Changes in average scores across individual students in each school building
- 8 subscales and Total Score





# Guiding question

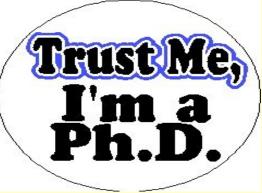
• Have school climate scores changed across grade levels?





#### Results

- Across elementary, middle, and high schools, scores improved significantly on the Total Scale and on 5 of the 8 subscales
  - Teacher-Student Relationships
  - Student-Student Relationships
  - Fairness of Rules,
  - Student Engagement
  - Clarity of Expectations

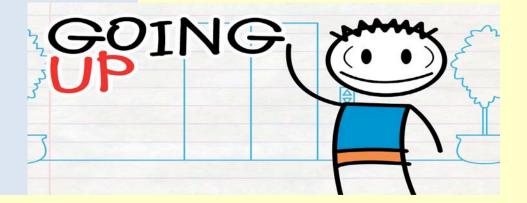


- Note: Elementary school: No significant improvements in Safety (3.25) or Respect for Diversity (3.45)
- Middle school: No significant improvements in Safety (2.84) or School-wide Bullying (2.56)
- High School: No significant improvement in School-wide Bullying (2.45)



# Concluding Comments

- Most impressive: Improvements in Student-Student Relationships
- A bit disappointing: no improvement in School-wide Bullying (or Safety, except in H.S.)
- Overall: Very favorable findings!





# School Climate Matters

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