"Empowering Communities to Promote Supportive, Responsive Student-Centered Relationships"

# will begin momentarily



July 29, 2021

MENTOR and Learning Policy Institute

# Before we get started...

Within one week, all attendees will receive an email with materials and a recording of today's webinar.



- All attendees are muted for best sound.
- Please type questions into the questions box. We will respond if time allows. If your question isn't answered, we'll pass it along to the panelists.
- Live captioning is available to those who wish to utilize it.
- Bios of today's speakers linked in the chat box



# Adam Edgerton, Ph.D. Learning Policy Institute



## Accelerating Learning: Structures for Relationship Building





Adam Kirk Edgerton, Ph.D. July 29, 2021

#### Innovating through the Pandemic



"Too often, we use time as the constant, and we don't see it as a variable in education that can be modified, adjusted, added, subtracted."

- Dr. Baron Davis, Superintendent of Richland School District Two

# Addressing SEL Leads To...

- Safer schools
- Greater belonging
- Higher achievement
- Higher graduation rates
- Improved college- and career-ready skills



#### Achievement gains persist over time.

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#### **Structures to Build Relationships**



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#### Getting Tutoring Right

1. Groups of 5 or fewer students (ideal is 2)

2. Training and support for continuous improvement

3. Structured time with alignment to local curriculum

#### Resources

Learning Policy Institute

- Restarting and Reinventing School
- Accelerating Learning As We Build Back Better
- The Importance of Getting Tutoring Right
- Expanded Learning Time: How States and Districts Can Use Federal Recovery Funds Strategically

Wallace Foundation

Afterschool Programs: A Review of Evidence Under <u>ESSA</u>

Learning Policy Institute

# Margo Ross Center for Supportive Schools



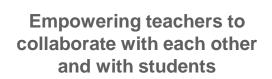
### **Center for Supportive Schools (CSS)**

# **CSS** helps schools become places where students want to be.

We help leverage the resources in schools to create safer and more supportive, engaging, and inspiring learning communities.



Developing all students into leaders





Engaging entire school communities to improve how learning happens

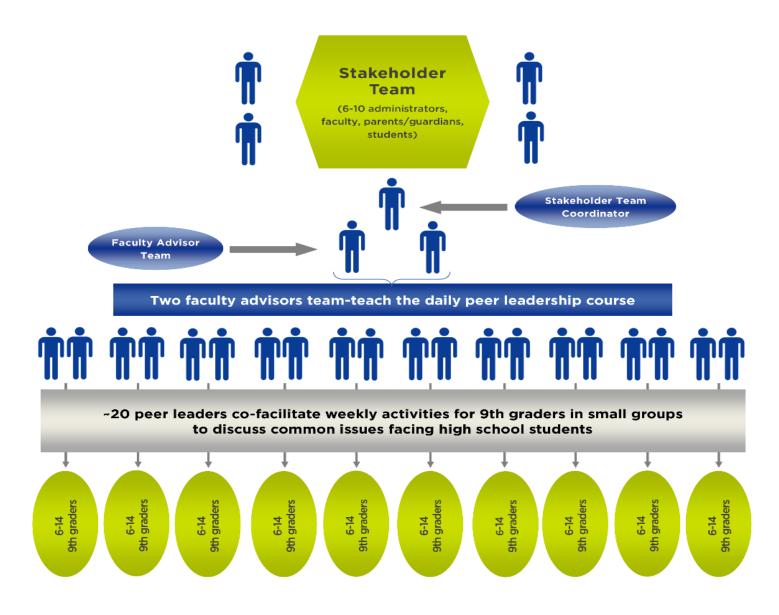
#### **Peer Group Connection (PGC)**

A peer-to-peer group mentoring model that trains and mobilizes older students to help ease the transition into school for incoming students, improve school culture and climate, and develop SEL and leadership skills.

- **PGC for high schools:** 11th and 12th graders support 9th graders
- **PGC for middle schools:** 8th graders support 6th graders



#### **PGC for High Schools**



#### **PGC Curriculum**

The PGC curriculum uses engaging, hands-on activities to address SEL skills and behaviors that have been shown to help reduce risk behaviors and produce positive student outcomes, including high school completion. Curriculum topics include:

- Sense of School Belonging
- Competence in Interpersonal Relationships
- Conflict Resolution, Anger Management, & Violence Prevention
- Bullying & Bystander Behavior
- Achievement Orientation & Motivation

- Goal Setting
- Coping Skills
- Decision Making
- Peer Acceptance & Resisting Peer Pressure
- Anger Management
- Stress Management
- Service Learning



Attendance: 9<sup>th</sup> grade students and peer leaders who participated in PGC attended school over 6 more days than non-participants

Achievement: 9<sup>th</sup> grade students and peer leaders who participated in PGC exhibited GPAs an average of 1.3% higher than nonparticipants

**Graduation:** After participating in PGC as 9<sup>th</sup> graders, PGC participants graduated in 4 years at a rate of 9 percentage points higher than non-participants

See <u>https://www.supportiveschools.org/results</u> for full reports



#### **PGC Impact - SEL**

Students report improvements in the following SEL Outcomes:

Academic self-efficacy Ability to set goals Decision-making Problem-solving Asserting themselves Help-seeking Coping with problems Resisting peer pressure Making friends Social and academic adjustment to high school Leadership skills

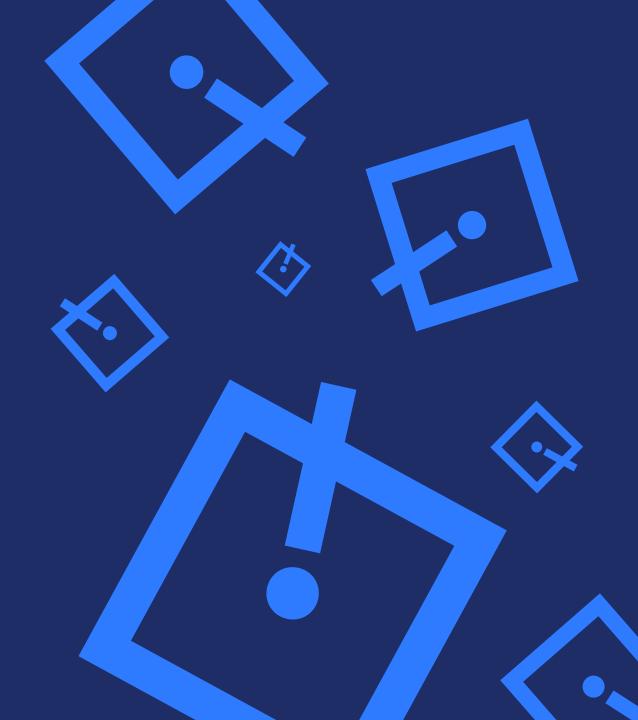
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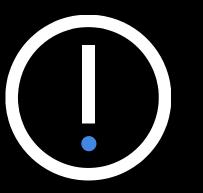
# Laura Green iMentor Baltimore



#### iMentor Model Overview



## **Our Commitment to Educational Equity**



iMentor exists because this country has a history of systemic racial and socio-economic inequity.

For young people of color and young people who are the first in their family to go to college, this inequity has resulted in a vast disparity in who is likely to achieve their highest career ambition and the host of positive life outcomes that come with it.

# **College Readiness Matters**



First Gen vs. Non – First Gen College completion rates (within six years of enrollment)

First Generation40%Non-First Generation69%

\*2010 National Center for Education Statistics Study, excerpt in Chicago Tribune's "When it's tough to be first"

**Type in the Chat Box:** What factors contribute to the disparity in graduation rates?

# Poll: Counselor to Student Ratio

# 1:356



High School Guidance Counselor 

# iMentor Program: What makes it unique?



Whole School Model We serve all students



Mentoring for College Success

Overcoming the 1:356 guidance counselor to student ratio with 1:1 mentoring



Guided Curriculum

Weekly emails and monthly in-person connections

# The Big Picture

		Students of Color		98%
Ò	8800+ students nationally since 1999	Free/Reduced Price Lunch Eligible		92%
	100+ staff across NYC,	First-Generation Students		69%
<u>ిం</u> లి	Chicago, the Bay, Baltimore, BBBS Partner Programs	Mentors of Color	49%	
<u>\</u> \ \	135+ pairs in Baltimore and growing this fall	Mentors w/ at least a master's degree	36%	
		First-Generation Mentors	26%	

# The Impact

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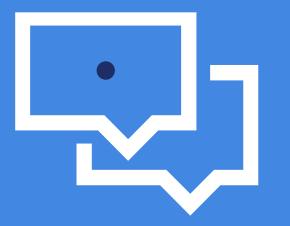
**High School Graduation Rate**  College Enrollment On-Time College Completion Rate

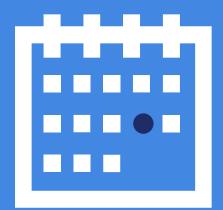
Without *i*Mentor

74% 51% 26%

Qmentor 82% 66% 49%

#### Mentor Time Commitment







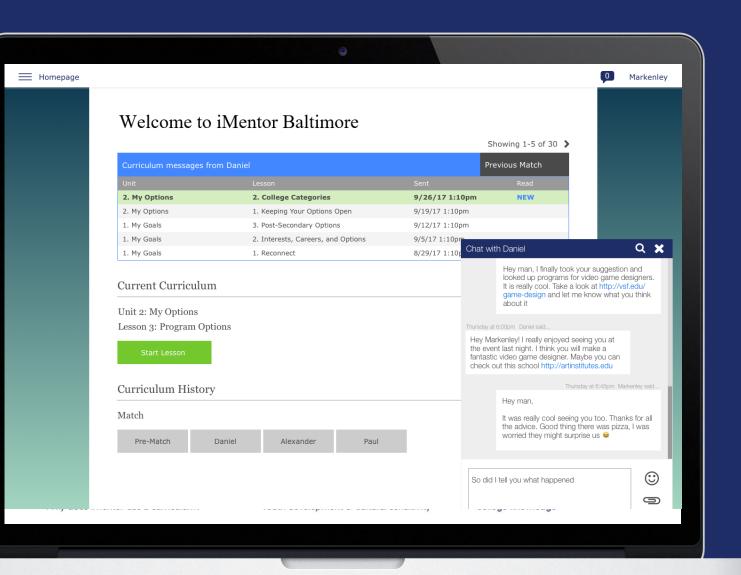
Communicate with your mentee weekly Meet with your mentee monthly

Engage in the mentor community



#### **Guided Curriculum**

- Supports the development of your pair relationship
- Prepares students for post-secondary success
- Follow the curriculum prompts on Platform
- Use *Conversations* chat function to supplement (check out the app!)



#### **Mentor Education**

#### Self-directed online modules

Virtual program trainings

Quarterly DEI-focused events

Thank You!



# **Darrin Person** Fresno Unified School District







### DEPARTMENT OF PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION MENTORING PROGRAMS

#### "NO SIGNIFICANT LEARNING OCCURS WITHOUT A SIGNIFICANT RELATIONSHIP"

DR. JAMES P. COMER



## **Mission Statement**

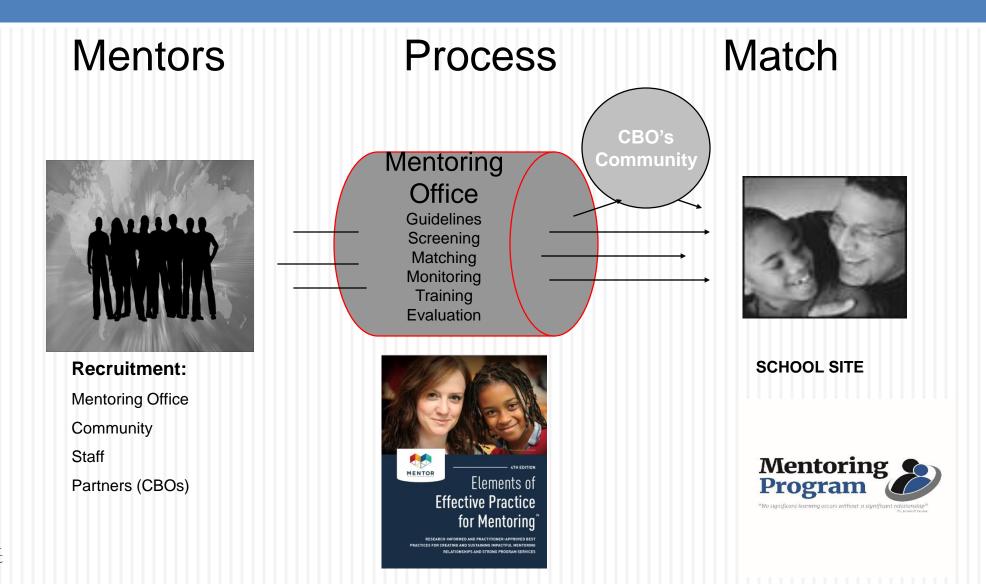
Creating a culture of mentoring in Fresno Unified School District through community collaboration and partnerships to increase the number of quality mentoring relationships for students





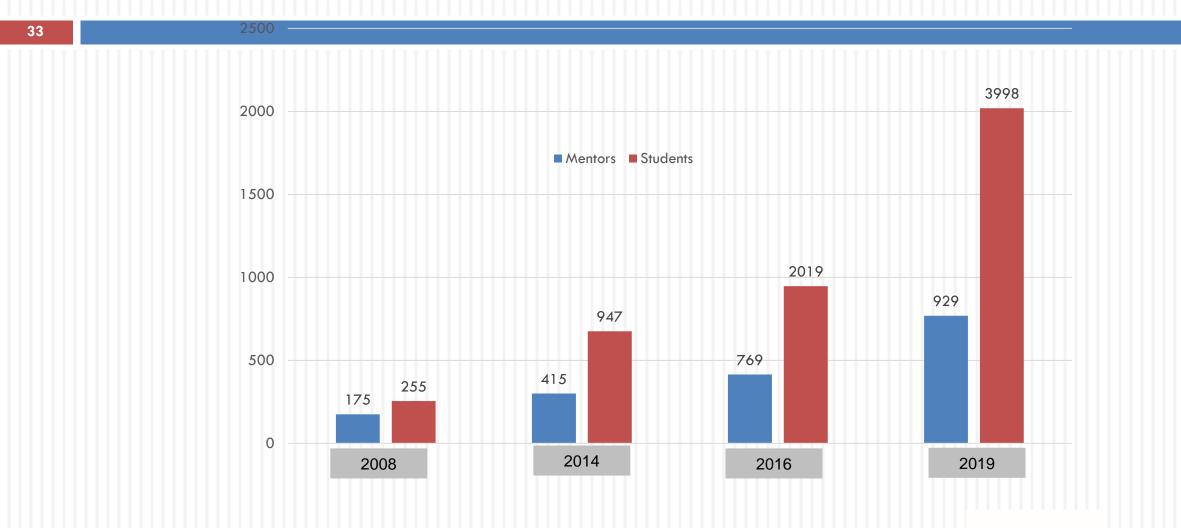


## Flowchart of Mentoring Services



Fresno Unified School District

## Mentoring Growth





# **Types of Mentoring Programs**



- One-on-One
- Group Mentoring
- **E**-mentoring
- Community Based Mentoring
- Peer Mentoring
- Men's and Women's Alliance
- MBK Success Mentoring







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