

Santa Ana Unified School District

One-Page SPSA Questionnaire for Board: 2015-16

School: **John Muir Fundamental School**

1) What is your site doing *differently* this year from last year to improve student achievement?

- The implementation of the One-to-One *ChromeBook Initiative* in both 4th and 5th grades is revamping instruction, providing students with efficient access to learning and feedback
- An additional computer lab will be in operation by the second trimester to allow students the opportunity to master technology, as well as provide intervention opportunities after hours
- The school library is being renovated to create a focal point for learning on campus
- Advancement Via Individual Determination (*AVID*) Program is in its first year of implementation
- Tutors from universities will be trained to target our lowest performing students

2) What is your site doing this year that is considered *new* to improve student achievement?

- Several grade levels are training in cognitively guided instruction in Mathematics
- Data Chats are being held each trimester to review formative assessments and discuss instructional strategies to further increase achievement
- Parent Coffee Chats and Parent Training Nights are being held to further involve parents on an *educational* level... rather than a traditional *school* involvement level

3) What is your site doing *more of* this year to improve student achievement?

- Teachers are incorporating additional physical education time – both inside and outside the classroom to increase student focus and decrease learning lethargy: *OC PICH, Playworks*
- Staff Development opportunities are taking priority: *Math in Common, Cognitively Guided Instruction* for Mathematics, *Student Success Team Training, etc.*
- Collaboration with the Technology Innovation Services to augment the school's Internet bandwidth will continue as a priority
- Parent training will again be offered via "*Raising Highly Capable Kids*"
- Additional opportunities for visual arts and field trips to experientially connect to the curriculum

4) What is your site doing *less of* this year to improve student achievement?

- Instructional staff is reducing the number of worksheet-driven assignments
- There are less "whole-group" lessons as teachers increasingly use small group rotations to better differentiate instruction
- The morning outside opening has been limited to Fridays only, saving nearly 30 to 40 minutes of precious instructional time weekly

5) What is your site doing this year that is *innovative* to improve student achievement?

- The use of *Google Docs* is allowing students and staff to spend less time on troubleshooting incompatible software and more time on instructional collaboration
- The use of schoolwide signals, chants and phrases globalizes behavioral expectations
- Counselors for the needs of both regular and special education students are now available

- Additional opportunities are being provided for targeted intervention on selected Saturdays, in addition to before and after school tutoring