

# Santa Ana Unified School District

## 1 Page SPSA Questionnaire for Board 2015-16

School: **Esqueda Elementary (K-8) School**

- 1) What is your site doing *differently* this year from last year to improve student achievement?
  - Assigning 1:1 devices to go home with 5-8 grade students
  - Extracurricular program has expanded beyond sports to include Speech & Debate, History Club, Art Club, Random Acts of Kindness
  - Offering afterschool intervention in 6-8 mathematics
  
- 2) What is your site doing this year that is considered *new* to improve student achievement?
  - Implementing SIPPS to explicitly and systematically teach early literacy skills in 1<sup>st</sup>/ 2<sup>nd</sup> grade
  - Implementing Smarty Ants as an early literacy skills intervention for grades K-3
  - Piloting ELM (Early Literacy in Mathematics) in two Kindergarten classrooms
  - Implementing PLTW (Project Lead the Way) electives in 7-8 grade
  - Implementing AVID Elementary Strategies
  - Providing access to a half time counselor, full time therapist and the use of restorative practices
  
- 3) What is your site doing *more of* this year to improve student achievement?
  - Increasing technology in the classrooms, 1:1 in 5<sup>th</sup> , laptop cart in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade
  - Completing CCGI (College and Career Guidance Initiative) interest surveys in all 6-8 grade classrooms with school counselor
  - Expanding extracurricular sports program to include cross country, football, and volleyball
  - Purchasing additional instruments to enhance our music elective in grades 6-8.
  - Focusing instruction on ELs by providing embedded instruction along with systematic ELD
  
- 4) What is your site doing *less of* this year to improve student achievement?
  - Less whole group instruction, more differentiated small group instruction
  - After school intervention less focused on nearly proficient students, instead focused on below and far below proficient students
  - Less office referrals, encouraging the use of restorative practices
  
- 5) What is your site doing this year that is *innovative* to improve student achievement?
  - CELDT kick off, individual goal setting prior to the CELDT test, flyer sent home with incentives
  - Revamping the school library to accommodate new technology like e-books, MacBook Airs, IPAD minis, and Chrome books in order to give access to student and parents at school and at home
  - Offering weekly parenting classes and a community liaison every Friday in collaboration with community organization “Padres Unidos”