

Santa Ana Unified School District

1 Page SPSA Questionnaire for Board 2015-16

School: **Heroes Elementary School**

- 1) What is your site doing *differently* this year from last year to improve student achievement?
 - Implementation of SIPPS in first and second grade
 - 4th and 5th grade vocabulary building – to teach root words and increase word awareness
 - Use of diagnostic reading assessments in Kinder through 3rd grade
 - Smarty Ants implementation in Kinder through Second grade
- 2) What is your site doing this year that is considered *new* to improve student achievement?
 - Individual Compelling Conversation conferences held by Administrator with teachers
 - Use of MAP Learning Continuum to differentiate instruction
 - Incorporation of the 8 mathematical practices into daily instruction
 - 3rd grade CORE Literacy training for teachers
 - Individual student goal setting sessions, conducted by classroom teachers
 - Structured attendance intervention for chronically absent/tardy students
 - Provision of daycare for parenting classes in order to increase parent attendance
 - One to one implementation of Chrome book devices 3rd – 5th (google accounts/google drive)
 - Partnership with Hope Academy (9 week program provides academic/character development)
- 3) What is your site doing *more of* this year to improve student achievement?
 - Frequent progress monitoring of academic language development
 - Use of science manipulatives to promote investigations and hands on learning
 - More inquiry based instruction, small group instruction and collaborative work
 - Increased communication with parents via Parent link, website and social media
 - Collaborative planning by teachers (both grade level and vertical)
 - Continued community events on campus and increased involvement with the community
 - Increased outreach to parents of struggling students
 - PBIS and Social Skills trainings for activity supervisors
- 4) What is your site doing *less of* this year to improve student achievement?
 - Decrease whole group instruction in key early literacy development grades (K-2)
 - Decrease suspension and office discipline referrals
- 5) What is your site doing this year that is *innovative* to improve student achievement?
 - Cross age tutoring (1st and 5th)
 - Flipped learning 3-4 days per week in 4th and 5th grade (use of Canvas)
 - Participation in the Kids Run the OC (partnership with California Highway Patrol)
 - Extended library hours/accessibility during non-instructional days
 - Use of class dojo app in 1st – 5th to increase parent communication
 - Implementation of 7 habits of mind and *The Leader in Me* book study by PBIS committee
 - Student Council leadership opportunities (service projects and monthly flag raising Ceremony)