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Board of Education Update

CARE Youth Project/Pupil Services



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AGENCY RESOURCES
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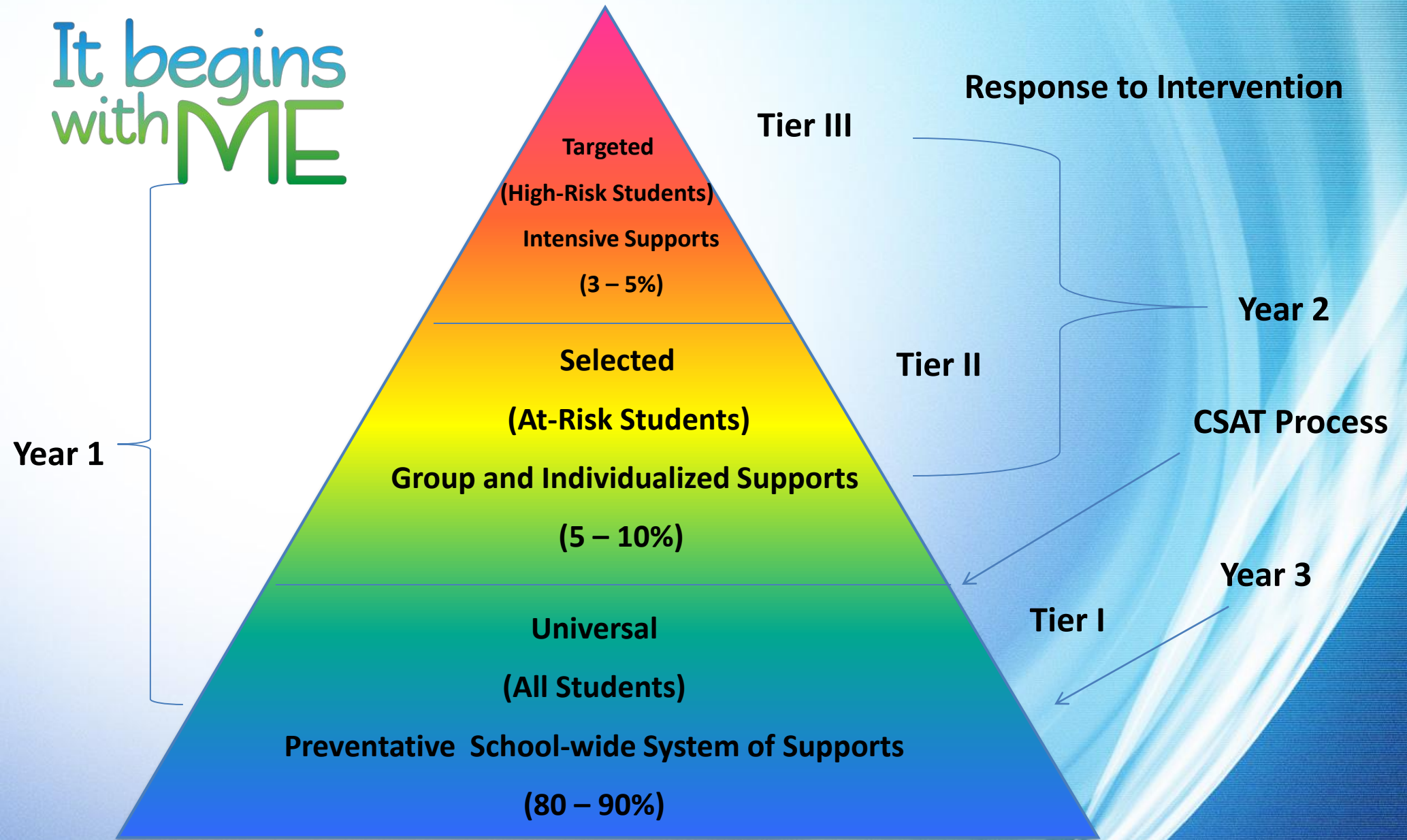


CARE Youth Project

Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative

- Federal grant provided to LEAs on behalf of communities—funded through the Department of Education, Justice and Health and Human Services
 - DEVELOPING COMPREHENSIVE LOCAL SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY INITIATIVES FOCUSED ON THE CREATION OF SUSTAINABLE SYSTEMS OF STUDENT AND FAMILY SUPPORT
- July 2009 – June 2010 : YEAR 1 – Program Start Up
- July 2010 – June 2011: YEAR 2 – Implementation Phase I
- July 2011 – June 2012: YEAR 3 – Implementation Phase II
- July 2012 – June 2013: YEAR 4 – Implementation Phase III

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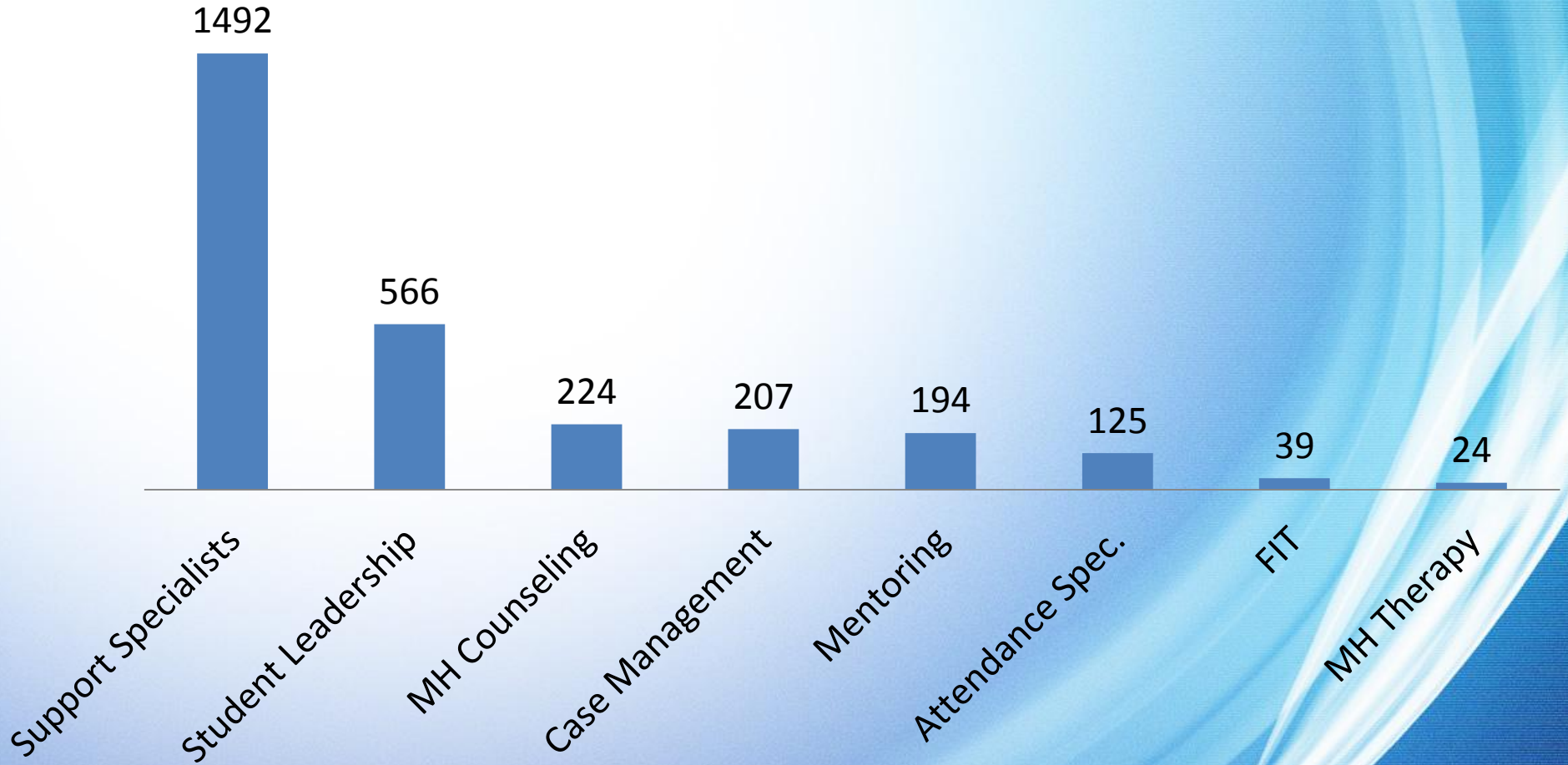
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Year 2 – Accomplishments

- ***13 school site teams*** were trained in the ***Comprehensive Student Assistance Team (CSAT) Model*** and all 13 sites implement CSAT CORE Team Process to link students in need with services
- ***1533 students at the 13 SS/HS schools*** were reviewed by site ***CSAT Teams*** to link students with interventions to address barriers to learning.
- ***2871 students received one or more interventions or were involved in a student leadership programs through the CARE Youth Project*** in the first year of program implementation.

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■ 2010-2011 Services Summary





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Year 2 – Accomplishments

- *70 parents volunteered regularly for the Safe Walk Program.*
- *313 parents attended Parent University Sessions on topics such as: Preventing Your Child from Joining a Gang to Preventing and Intervening with Bullying and How to Help Your Child Deal with Grief and Loss.*
- *Over 700 community members took part in Community Events such as the Celebration of Peace in October 2010 and the Father Greg Boyle Presentation in May 2011.*



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Year 2 – Accomplishments: Attendance*

- 46 home visits
- 37 SARB Contracts
- 10 court hearings

There was a .19 overall increase in attendance district-wide: @ \$252,000 increase in district revenue

**Attendance data for all district schools*



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Year 2 – Accomplishments

- Creation of the EUSD Integration Team
 - Plan for the implementation of Tier I Programs
 - Integration of Academic with Social-Emotional and Behavior Interventions – RTI Model
 - Development of the *It begins with ME* theme
 - Creation of data systems to support ongoing evaluation and program management



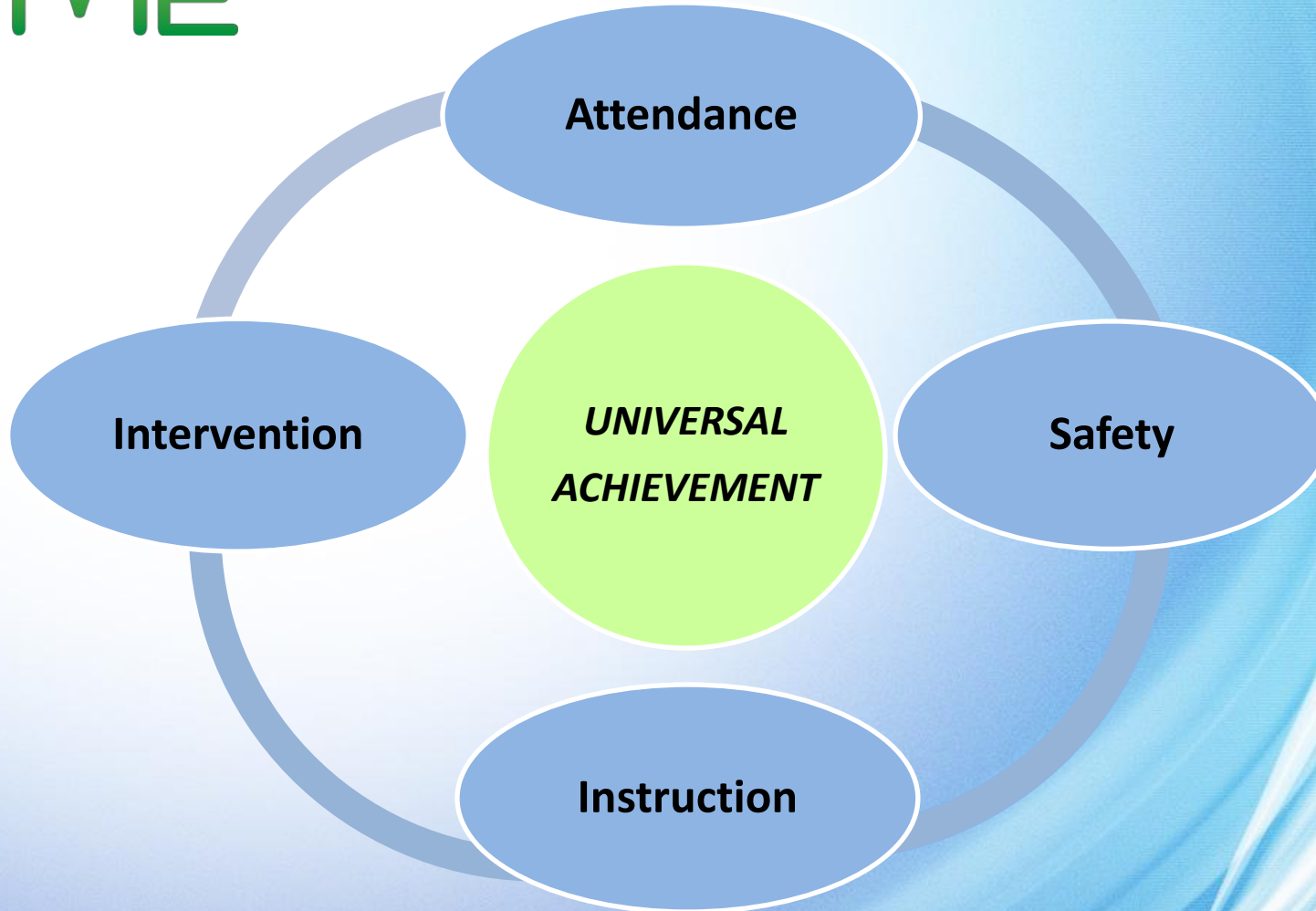
EUSD Board Focus Goals

GOAL # 1 - Provide systemic student supports that promote high student expectations and achievement for all students.

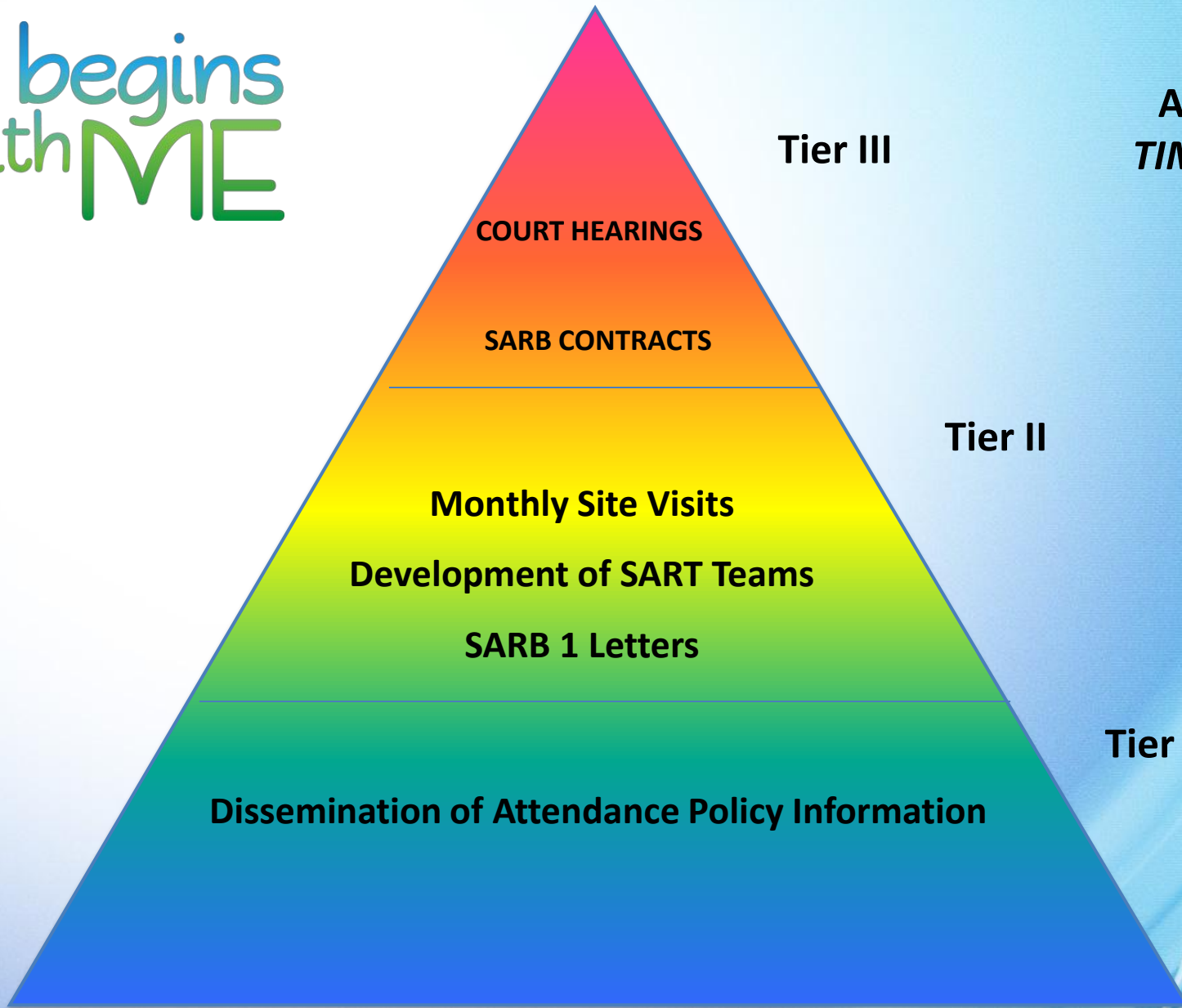
GOAL # 5 – Ensure all students have equal access to a personalized, balanced, and challenging curriculum designed to meet individual student needs, including academic, physical, creative and social needs.

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Integrated System of Student Support



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Tier III

**Attendance
*TIME Program***

COURT HEARINGS

SARB CONTRACTS

Tier II

Monthly Site Visits

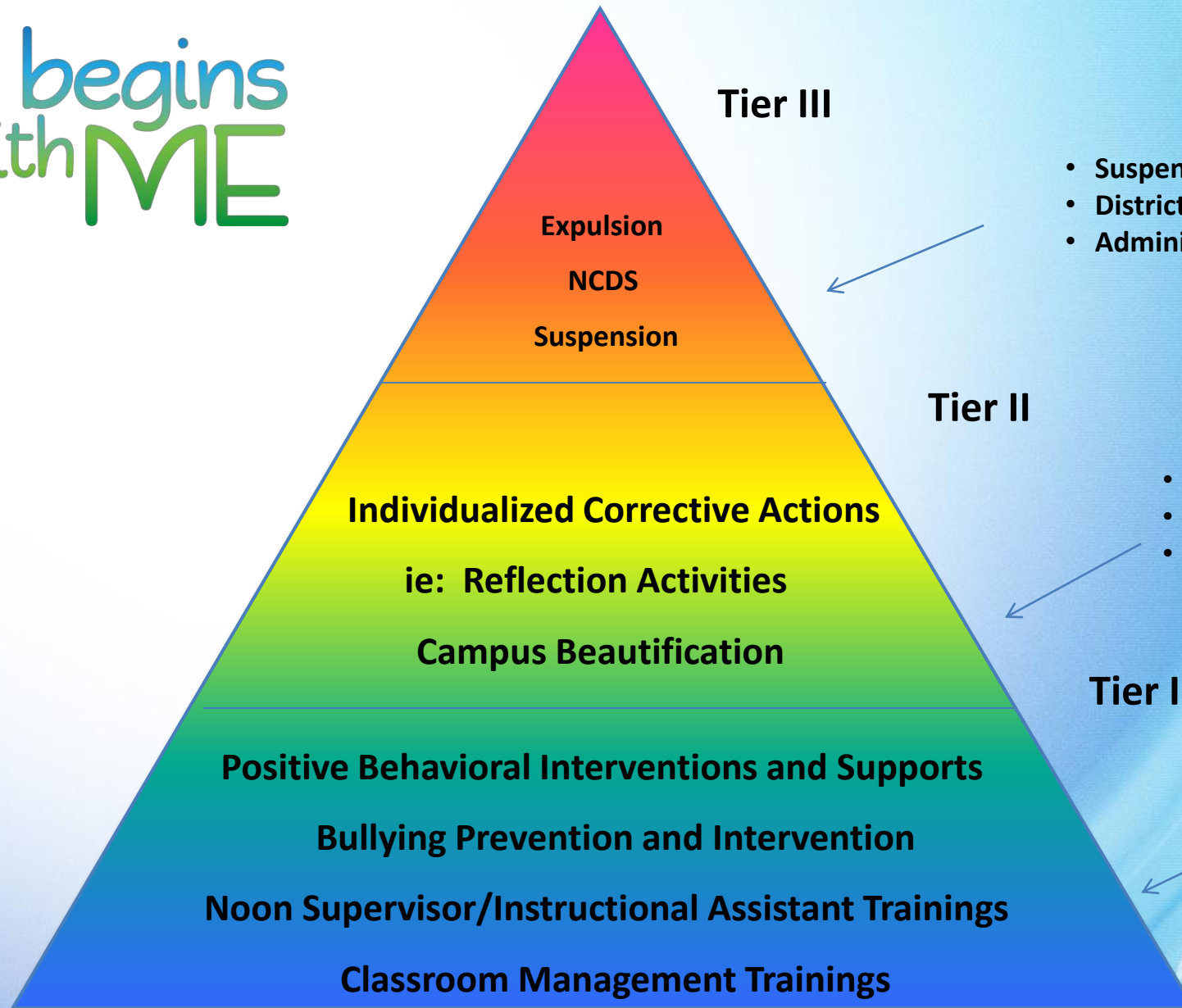
Development of SART Teams

SARB 1 Letters

Tier I

Dissemination of Attendance Policy Information

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SAFETY

- Suspension Guidelines
- District Behavior Contract
- Administrator Trainings

- Student Success Plans
- CSAT Interventions
- Behavior Reflection Form

- Staff Trainings
- Policy Development
- Curriculum Development

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Instruction

Culture of Universal Achievement

Every member of the staff believes that each child is capable of meeting academic standards in reading, writing, and math, AND that the school has the power to make that opportunity a reality.

Damen Lopez, TurnAround Schools



Interventions

As of September 2011:


- **All EUSD schools have teams who have been trained in the CSAT Process**
- **All schools have teams who are are creating a site Menu of Services that includes academic, social, emotional, and behavior supports for students**
- **All schools have a counselor, social worker, social work intern, and/or therapist working on their team to specifically address student barriers to learning**

2011 – 2012 District – Wide Data

August - September Suspensions



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Board Elections and CVRA

Escondido Union School District
October 6, 2011
Presented By: Greg Rodriguez

What is the California Voting Rights Act ("CVRA")?

- Effective January 1, 2003
- Prohibits the use of "at-large" elections when it can be shown such an election:
 - "impairs the ability of a protected class to elect candidates of its choice or its ability to influence the outcome of an election...."*
 (Elections Code 14027.)

Signing Message by Governor Davis


"Given the diverse make up of California voters, this legislation will help ensure California's electoral system is fair, open to, and representative of all California voters."

Does not require intent

With a claim that a governing body is in violation of the CVRA, proof of intent on the part of voters or elected officials to discriminate against a protected class is not required (Elections Code 14028(d).)

Right to Attorneys' Fees

CVRA grants a prevailing plaintiff the right to recover reasonable attorneys' fees AND expert witness fees (Elections Code 14030.)



Examples of Attorneys' Fees Awards

- \$110,000.00 (*Gomez v. Hanford Joint Union School District*)
- \$3 million (*Sanchez v. City of Modesto*)
- \$1.2 million (*Rey v. Madera Unified School District*)
- \$500,000.00 (*Avitia, et al. v. Tulare Local Healthcare District*)
- It is important to note that these amounts do not account for the fees paid to the entity's own attorneys.

What is happening today?

- Northern California law firm (Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights) has sent letters to a number of public entities claiming violation of the CVRA and demanding that the public entity in question transition to a "by-trustee area" election system
- Private law firms are also teaming up with Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights
- Lawsuits have also been filed against public entities

Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights



What Constitutes a Violation of CVRA?



Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights



Still No CVRA Decision

- CVRA has broad language for when a violation will be found (Elections Code 14028.) **BUT**
- No CVRA case has been taken all the way through at trial court level since all have settled
- **Thus**, no clear guidance on what actually constitutes violation of CVRA.

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Careful Consideration Needed

Due to exposure to attorneys' fees, costs of dealing with a lawsuit and potential negative press from a lawsuit being filed, public entities, including school districts, should carefully consider how to reduce any potential liability under the CVRA

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The only safe harbor guarantee from a CVRA claim is...

A transition to "by-trustee" area election system and holding elections using the by-trustee area election system.

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What is a "by-trustee area" election system?

School district is divided into trustee areas and a governing board member is elected from each trustee area **by the registered voters in the particular trustee area** where the governing board member resides

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Procedure for Establishing By-Trustee Area Elections

- Pass a Resolution by majority vote of Board declaring intent to establish "by-trustee area" elections

- Submit District approved Resolution to County Committee on School District Organization (Ed Code 5019.)

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Procedure for Establishing By-Trustee Area Elections

- Draw Draft Trustee Area Plans
 - Use 2010 Census Data and Hire Demographer
 - Population must be as equal "as is practicable"
 - Article 21 of California Constitution:
 - Shall comply with the federal Voting Rights Act
 - Shall be geographically contiguous
 - Should not be drawn for the purpose of favoring or discriminating against an incumbent, political candidate, or political party

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Procedure for Establishing By-Trustee Area Elections

- Governing Board Approval of Final Trustee Area Plan
 - Draft plans should be presented to public for comments before final Board consideration
 - Careful review of draft maps and accompanying demographic information
 - Communicate with County during process

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Procedure for Establishing By-Trustee Area Elections

- Approval by County Committee on School District Organization at hearing within District
- Under Education Code section 5020, once approved by County Committee, place by-trustee area election proposal and final map on ballot for approval by electorate;
- **HOWEVER**

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Potential Waiver from CDE

- California Department of Education has power to waive requirement that by-trustee area proposal be placed on ballot (Ed Code 33050.)
- CDE "dialed in" on this issue and approving such waivers
- Such a waiver will likely expedite implementation time and reduce cost and risk to school district since only "safe harbor" under CVRA is implementation of by-trustee area election system

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Final Steps in Completing Transition

- File new Voting Area Plan with County Registrar of Voters

- Hold 2012 Governing Board elections under new by-trustee area election system for those terms expiring in 2012

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Final Thoughts

- Lots of information to digest in a short amount of time
- Very important issue that is getting a lot of media coverage
- With recent 2010 Census data just being released, good time to move forward with evaluation of demographic data (which the District has done)

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Final, Final Thought

Emphasize that a transition to a by-trustee area election process **does not** change the fact that this is still one governing area with common goals and challenges!!!



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Thank You!

We are here to answer any questions!

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