

# CommUNITY

Expanding UNITY beyond our high school

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# What is UNITY?



- ▶ A **leadership** class offered at high school campuses
- ▶ **Unite diverse people** with New ideas to Introduce a forum of Togetherness for today's Youth
- ▶ Opportunity for students to discuss **relevant issues** for their generation

**“How wonderful it is that nobody  
need wait a single moment before  
starting to improve the world.”**

*~Anne Frank*




# The Vision


Contribute to our community by aiding and hosting **community service** projects.



Join us in helping families in Corona and Norco



## Clothes & Goods Drive



**Clothes + Shoes!**

Any size, shape or style of lightly used clothes. Including: cold weather items (i.e. pants, jackets, sweatshirts, scarves, gloves, etc.), baby/child clothes, professional attire, workout clothes, maternity clothes or anything else.

Any shoes that still have some wear left in them. Collecting shoes for any age and purpose.

**Toys + Home!**

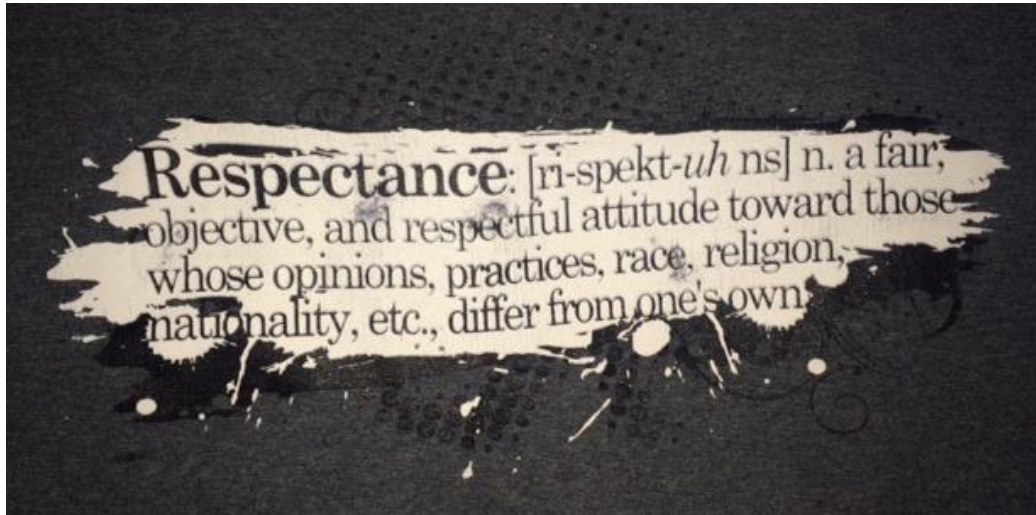
Any used toys that are still in working condition including children books, baby items, and children's toys for any age range.

We will also accept small home items such as small appliances, lamps, bedding, etc.

All items will be given to **CNUSD** students and families.

# The Vision

Reach beyond our school to **spread** our belief that all people are deserving of **respect** and worthy to tell their story.



# The Vision



**Build relationships** with at least one feeder middle school so that future students of our school understand our philosophy and have a safe place to come.

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# Why?

## Connect Students to School

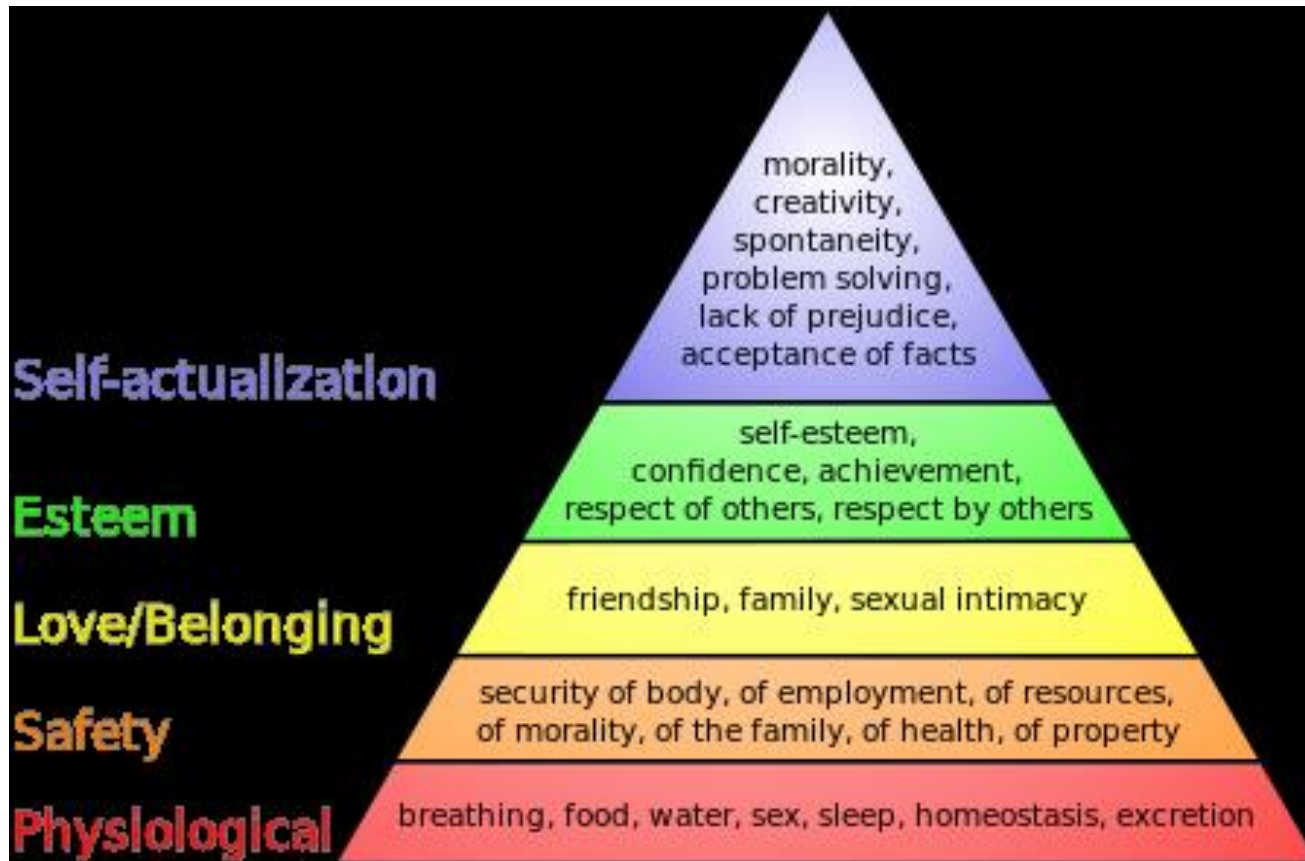
- Sense of belonging
- Enjoy school
- Have friends at school
- Participate in extracurricular activities

## Community Service

- Help other students & gain perspective
- Improve academic achievement
- Improve self worth
- Lifelong volunteering



# Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs



# Transitioning from Middle School to High School



**Fears include:**

**BULLYING**

**Increased WORK LOAD**

**Getting LOST in the crowd**

# Transitioning from Middle School to High School

## California Statistics

Number of Middle/ Intermediate Schools	Student Enrollment	Number of High Schools	Student Enrollment
2230	1,789,620	884	1,225,058
<b>Average</b>	<b>802</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>1,386</b>

## CNUSD Statistics

Number of Middle/ Intermediate Schools	Student Enrollment	Number of High Schools	Student Enrollment
8	7,887	5	15,848
<b>Average</b>	<b>986</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>3,170</b>

\*Statistics are for traditional schools only

# Action Steps/Implementation

Train students

Make arrangements

Participate in event

Reflect

Contact schools

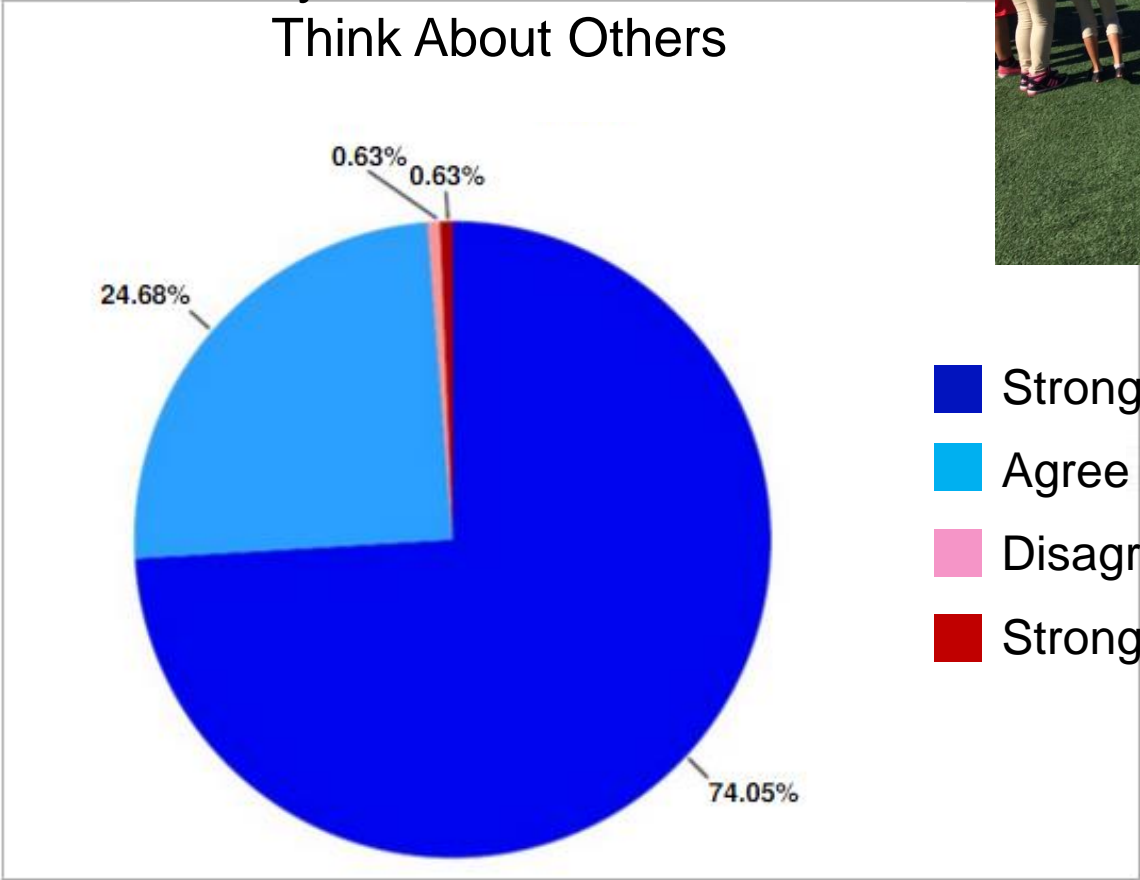
Students prepare

Collect data

# Evidence of Success



Today's Activities Made Me Think About Others



- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

*"The most important lesson I learned from today's activities was **not to judge a person** by how they look and to **take control of your own story.**"*



*"One of the most important lessons I've learned today is that **we're all in this together.**"*

Ozzy,

It was cool meeting you! I love how we both read the Percy Jackson series. Congrats on all your soccer accomplishments, and I can't wait to hear one day that you got accepted to USC!

- Alyssa ☺

Alexis you're a great kid with a positive attitude I enjoyed having you in my group you shared so much and so deep. Can't wait to see you at my school.

From, Jonathan

Emily,

It was nice to meet you. Thank you for sharing with me everything you've been through. I hope you have a good rest of the year. Hope to talk to you soon!

Ashley

Dear Leilani,

It was so awesome to have you in my group during What If week. Thanks for being so great during activities ☺ I hope you have an amazing rest of the school year & maybe I'll see you all soon!

- Nicole

Sudney,

you are quiet! But towards the end you opened up, thank you for that! you are so pretty and I absolutely love your freckles! thank you for sharing your story with us. I see you going places in this world gorgeous... get ready :) I love you!

Rachel

(Rachel is the MVP!)

Hey Chase,

Just writing you because of how amazing it was meeting you. I hope your soccer team is playing hard and that you're ready for Centen! soccer! Thank you for opening up in our group! Unity is always there to help if you ever need anything! Happy GRADUATION! & good luck Freshman year!

♥ Rhian

Dearest, Concepcion

I wanted to let you know what a beautiful, amazing, and inspiring young lady I think you are. I hope you continue to shine in everyday life just like you did when I met you. Everything is going to be OK. OK? Don't you worry Princess. Keep your head up, your tiara is falling;) Keep being awesome! I'm always here if you need to talk

Dear Gio,

I'm glad you were in my family group, and I really hope you had fun during all the activities we did! I can tell you really love playing soccer and it's cool that you have a pastime that you enjoy so much. I saw your Santiago jacket so it'll be cool to have you here next year, I hope you enjoy it here! Call/text me if you ever need to talk or let off steam about anything.



Love,  
Dalia Hammouri





# Next Steps After Forum

2 HGA teachers  
& student  
advisor attend  
UNITY Forum

April 29, 2015

Meet with HGA  
teachers to  
plan UNITY Jr.

May & June 2015

UNITY Staff  
Forum for HGA  
teachers

Summer 2015

Work on "What  
If" presentation  
for district  
symposium

Summer 2015

SHS UNITY  
students train  
HGA UNITY Jr.

September &  
October 2015

UNITY Jr.  
teacher  
attends UNITY  
Camp

September or  
November 2015

# Teacher Leader Model Standards

Domain VI: Improving Outreach and Collaboration with Families and community

- ▶ Standard 6.1 - Uses knowledge and understanding of the **different backgrounds, ethnicities, cultures and languages** in the school community to **promote effective interactions** among colleagues, families and the larger community.



# Teacher Leader Model Standards

Domain VI: Improving Outreach and  
Collaboration with Families and community



- ▶ Standard 6.5 - Collaborates with families, communities, and colleagues to develop **comprehensive strategies** to address the **diverse educational needs** of families and the community.

# The Five Practices of Exemplary Leadership



- Set personal example
- Consensus of common values

# The Five Practices of Exemplary Leadership



- Higher meaning of work
- Inspire change for the future

# The Five Practices of Exemplary Leadership



- New experiences and challenges
- Goals, plans and measureable milestones

# The Five Practices of Exemplary Leadership



- New cooperative relationships
- Give students choice

# The Five Practices of Exemplary Leadership



- Appreciation, support, praise
- Verbal and written



# Growth

- ▶ Effectiveness of **leading by example**
- ▶ Showing **appreciation** goes a long way
- ▶ Confidence in **networking**



*“Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it.”*

~ Marian Wright Edelman

**THANK YOU!**

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