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## Leupp Elementary Demographics

- Only Flagstaff Unified School District School located on the Navajo Nation
- ► Title 1 School
- Preschool 5<sup>th</sup> Grade (175 students)
- 99.9% Navajo
- ▶ 17 % ELL Students
- Three communities Birdsprings, Leupp, and Tolani Lake





## Challenges

Families	Government	Poverty
<ul> <li>Families</li> <li>Single Parent Households</li> <li>Fatherless/Motherless homes</li> <li>Grandparents raising grandchildren</li> <li>Language Barrier (Navajo/English)</li> <li>Access to the internet (1:1)</li> <li>Transportation</li> <li>Formal Ed./Vocational Ed.</li> <li>Remoteness of residence</li> <li>Decrease in Language/Culture</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Government</li> <li>Leadership</li> <li>Economic Development</li> <li>Business Plan</li> <li>Agriculture Plan</li> <li>Master Plan         <ul> <li>Community Resources (all levels)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Local, County, State, National Law Enforcement/Laws</li> <li>Social Services – Child         <ul> <li>Oriented</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Poverty  Unemployment  Limited exposure to Mainstream Culture  Domestic Violence  Drug/Alcohol Abuse  Limitation of Choice  Literacy/Language  Relationship Issues  Lack of Housing
		<ul><li>Lack of Utilities</li><li>Suicide</li></ul>

# Addressing the Need – College/Career Readiness Program

- College and Career Readiness Program No Excuses University
- ▶ Elementary School 4 year college focus
- ► Middle School 2 year college focus
- ► High School Vocational/Specialty School, military
- ► Kindergarten 2<sup>nd</sup> Northern Az. University
- ▶ 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Arizona State University

## College/Career Readiness Program

#### Personal Pledge – Adéé hádíszíí

Ádee hadisdziih dííjį. Shíni', shináá, shijaa', shijéí 'aa'ádaash le' ako nizhónígo 'íhwiideesh'áál

Today, I make a personal pledge. With my mind, my eyes, my ears, and my heart, I will be receptive to learning.

#### Diné k'éjí Na'nitin - Navajo Teaching

#### Doo ách'į ni'jódlíida

Do not carry around expectations of negative circumstances, but instead have a positive attitude, have a zest for life!

We have been taught that one should be of a positive mindset, we should look ahead with optimism, be enthusiastic about the day, be excited to be a lifelong learner.!:)

## College/Career Readiness Program







# Addressing the Need – College/Career Readiness Program









## Trust Based Relational Intervention (TBRI)

- Partnership established Feb. 2020 TCU site visit
- Diné Trauma Project
- TBRI Implementation Team
- TBRI School wide

- July 2020 Staff Introduction of TBRI
- Nov. 2020 Practioner's Training (2 teachers, 1 community member, principal)
- Summer 2021/22 –
   Introduction to the community
- Spring 2021/Fall 22 Full Implementation

## Trust Based Relational Intervention (TBRI)

#### How are you feeling?



Happy: cheerful and glad, smiling
Focused: body still, thinking about current task
Content: satisfied, not needing anything but what you have
Ready to learn: paying attention, following

directions





<u>Tired</u>: closed eyes, difficult to move <u>Sick</u>: stomach or head hurting <u>Bored</u>: unable to focus <u>Sad</u>: upset or feeling low



Excited: moving quickly, wanting the next thing to happen
Anxious: stomach aching, sweating, worrying
Frustrated: breathing heavy, getting warm and upset
Confused: unfocused, not knowing what is happening

## How are you feeling?



"My body is calm, but alert." Happy Focused Content Ready to learn





"My body is not alert at all and is moving slowly."

Tired

Sick

Bored Sad

#### Zahaláníí Yellow Zone

"My body is very alert and my emotions are intense."

Excited
Anxious
Frustrated
Confused

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### How are you feeling?







Blue Zone



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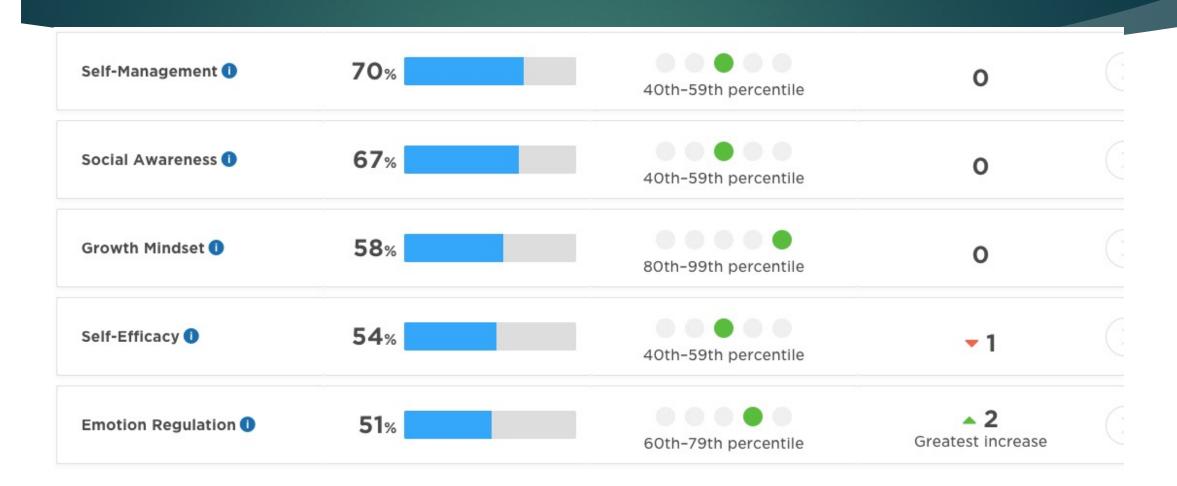
Navajo Corn Grinding Song TBRI - Sensory Bin 2022 Leupp Elementary School



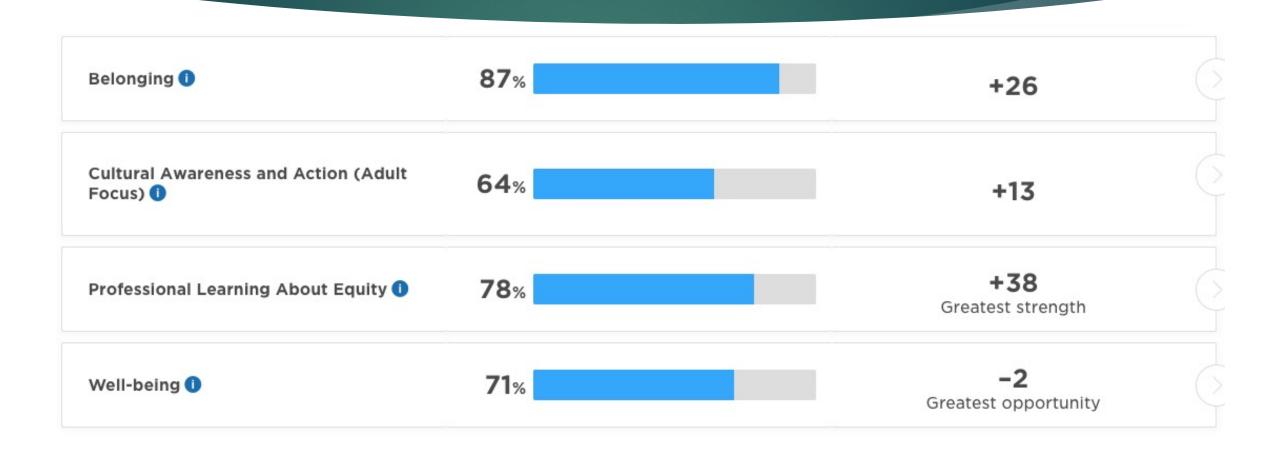
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## Panorama Student Survey



## Panorama Teacher Survey



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What strengths were observed in the data specific to your department?			
Strength	Supported Data		
Self efficacy: most students are confident they can succeed at most of the work presented to them	Results from self-efficacy Q2 (favorable 54%) and Q3 (favorable 54%)		
Support from adults	69% answered favorably (sense of belonging Q2)		
Teacher-student relationships	63% favorable responses		
Female students	Tended to rate themselves higher in all areas of SEL		

Plans to address areas of concern?					
Action	Person Responsible	Timelines	How will you measure progress?		
Direct instruction on Growth Mindset in SEL	Counselor	By end of 2021-22 school year	Future panorama surveys		
Direct Instruction on Emotional regulation in SEL; practice in general education classroom	Counselor and teachers	By end of 2021-22 school year	Future panorama surveys		
School wide focus on promoting teacher-student relationships	All staff TBRI will also assist in facilitating the student teacher relationship	By end of 2021-22 school year	Future panorama surveys		
Direct instruction on self-efficacy in SEL and general education classroom	Counselor and teachers	By end of 2021-22 school year	Future panorama surveys		

## Community Based Approach





#### Leupp Elementary School students learn leather crafting in afterschool program

March 23, 2022

Students at Leupp Elementary School have a new after-school program that is as unique as it is fascinating. Students have the opportunity to take a class once a week with leather craftsman Deon Chee, and learn how to stamp and carve leather.

Chee has been crafting leather and placing elaborate leather designs on belts, earrings, wallets, key chains, horse stirrups, purses, and horse bridles for 15 years, and he is now passing this craft and skill to a younger generation.

Chee explained students begin the class by being introduced to basic leather crafting, including designing, working, and tooling intricate designs onto veg tan leather hides. Vegetable tanned leather is light brown in color without any synthetic coatings and it is known for its durable yet flexible quality. Veg tan leather is popular among leather craftsmen because it is easy to work with, easy to bend and manipulate, and if you put it in water, it's able to move.

Once students become familiar with how to work with the leather, students then learn how to use different tools to engrave the leather with patterns and create their personalized pieces.

"Tooling is the most exciting part of crafting leather," Chee said.

spending time creating something

others leather crafting is a skilled art trade that is rare in practice and Chee said not too many people practice the craft anymore.

Chee also explained several benefits of leather crafting for students. He finds working with leather to be a way to center yourself while focusing 100% of your attention on your work, and to "zone everything out."

Being able to create a unique and decorative piece and to see the process unfold is an experience Chee wants to share with students.

"Working with leather can give students the ability to stretch themselves to try something new and learn how to make mistakes in a amazing is a thrill Chee hopes to pass fully engaged because their pattern onto students. The gift of teaching and work is their own design... and

they're focusing on their leather masterpieces,"

Chee also indicated leather tooling also improves motor skills because students have to engage their hands, arms, and fingers through hand-eye coordination.

The accomplishment is most important, creating a final product hoosts a child's self-esteem when they realize they have created something beautiful and interesting with their own hands.

"Through this leather crafting afterschool activity, students are left with a lasting experience, a new skill set. and leather creations that they will treasure for the rest of their lives," said Chee. "I'm proud of be part of





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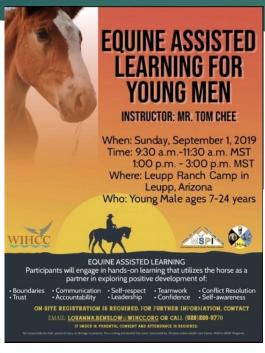
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### Recommendations

- Mental Health Services
- School Counselors
- ► Infrastructure Needs (water, electricity, Internet access)
- College/Career Readiness Programs
- Financial Literacy Programs
- Trauma Informed (All Institutions/Programs)
- Understanding Poverty
- Early Childhood Funding FACE
- Comprehensive Approach to Child Wellness (IHS, All levels)

