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To: Board of Trustees

From: Sharon Waller

Re: Student Services Updates

I attended three trainings, along with school site teams and Support Office staff, related to the Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) Grant we received. The trainings are helping us identify how to improve our existing supports to students in areas of academics, behavior and social emotional skills

With Tina Hill, the GPS Resource Specialist, we've been training a new Resource Specialist (RS) intern to be ready to sub for our Hollister Prep School RS during her maternity leave. Heather McPherson will be taking over in mid-December or early January.

With the MTSS Coordinator and a classroom teacher, I attended a Social Emotional Learning (SEL) seminar at the County Office of Education in Sacramento designed to help participants from all over the state learn how to integrate SEL into the academic program.

I worked with the GPS Student Services staff to ensure that a student transitioned smoothly to a non-public school program located at Rebekah Children's Center.

I joined the WPS team to help launch the WPS Reading Club for Watsonville children and their parents.

The Student Services Department is beginning to evaluate baseline data from the SEL survey that was given to all 3rd-8th grade students this October (and will be given again in the Spring). The data will be used to help us identify the success of our SEL implementation over time.