Contra Costa County Office of Education – 2nd Annual

School Climate Symposium

This year's Symposium will address universal design for learning in the context of equity, school climate, and positive school culture. Sessions will cover PBIS, mindfulness, and UDL through an equity lens.

Keynote Speaker:

Mirko Chardin, Novack Educational Consulting, Founding Principal Putnam Avenue Upper School

"UDL for Equity and Access"

All students deserve access, not only to rigorous standards, but lessons in humanity, social justice, and equity. We must deconstruct inequitable systems and redesign them using the principles of universal design for learning and research on implementation science and multi-tiered systems of support. This presentation will examine the critical pedagogy necessary to transform our systems, our schools, and our world by providing educators with concrete strategies to design and deliver a culturally responsive, sustainable and equitable education for all students.

Breakout Sessions include:

- **Dr. Megan Sweet, Author, *An Educator's Guide for Using Your 3 Eyes,* Mindful Schools, Director of Training**

"Mindfulness as a Powerful Tool for Education Change"

Educating our youth is more complicated than ever. Teachers are experiencing significant challenges in maintaining their own well-being while also providing the kind of education that will meet their student's needs. It is time to prioritize our educator's health and well-being by investing in their professional development, encouraging them to take care of themselves, and by creating supportive school communities for staff and students alike. Mindfulness can play an important part in this shift--join Dr.Megan Sweet to learn how!

- **Mirko Chardin – "*UDL, Bias, and Expectations*"**

We all have biases that can influence our expectations of students. In this session, we will examine how certain mindsets and implicit biases can interfere with our best intentions, and how awareness and mindfulness can help us overcome these biases. Learn to self-assess your own biases and become change agents in your schools by having difficult conversations, encouraging others to examine their biases, and pushing to overcome inequities in schools.

- **Pleasant Hill Elementary School: *PBIS Panel Discussion***

Join staff members from Pleasant Hill Elementary School in a panel discussion on their PBIS experience. Pleasant Hill Elementary has been recognized with the Platinum award from the California PBIS coalition. Come learn about one school's PBIS journey; the roadblocks, the successes and how PBIS has changed school culture.

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$20 registration fee is refunded upon attendance. See details by visiting

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