

Superintendent's Update

Board of Education Meeting

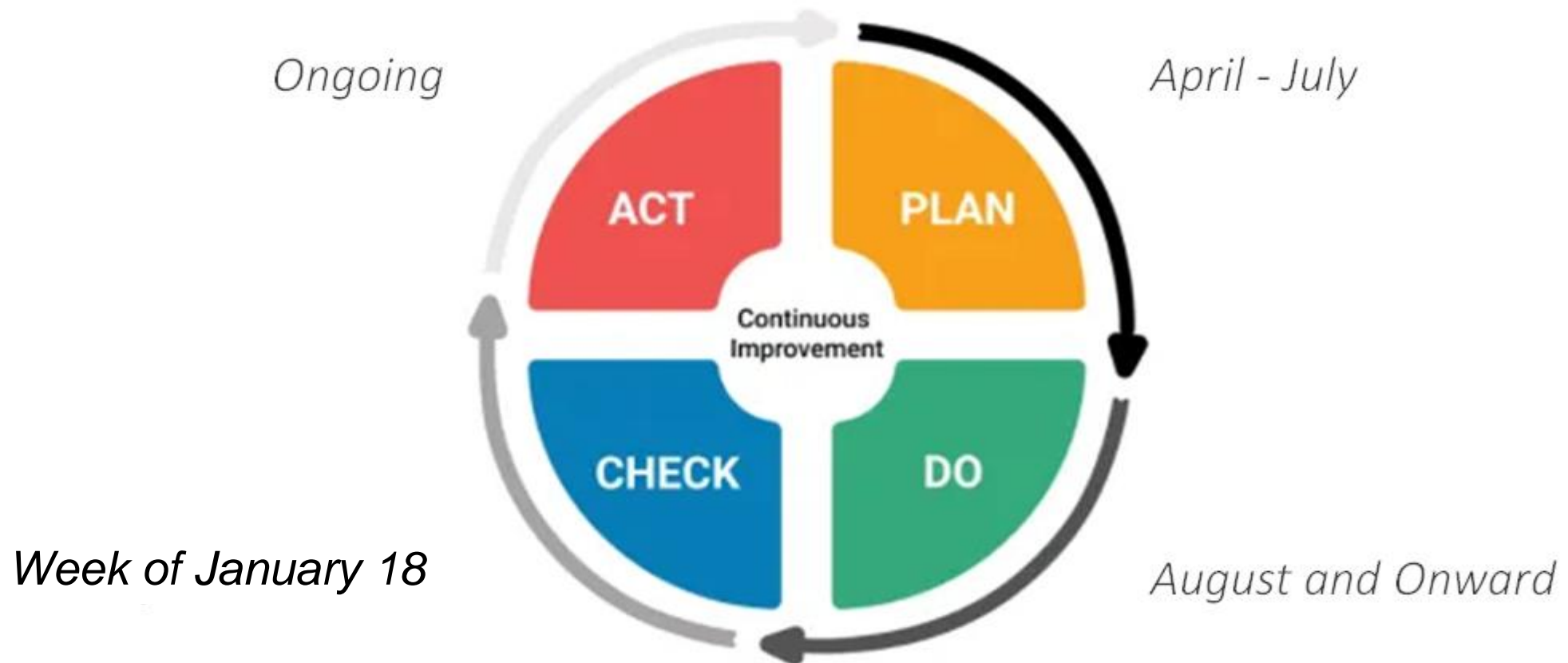
January 19, 2021

Meeting No. 14



Excelling Together with Endless Pathways for Success!

Organizing for Success for the 2020-21 Academic Year Continuous Improvement Phase





COVID-19 Safety Update

- Pausing in-person student activities January 19-29
- Voluntary COVID testing for GUSD employees January 28 and 29
- 2021 CIF SS Fall Sports Championships canceled
- COVID-19 vaccination rollout
- Health check app
- Air and surface sanitization
- Return to School Committee
- CAASPP testing update



COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution in Los Angeles County

- Vaccination rollout phases: 1A, 1B, 1C, and 2
- Initial goal to complete all phases by June 2021
- Some counties are moving faster through phases as they have unused vaccines to distribute
- Los Angeles County is opening large vaccination distribution sites such as Dodger Stadium and Hansen Dam
- Appointments are needed and proof of employment in a qualifying field for that phase is required
- Los Angeles County Public Health is working on strategies to speed up their initial distribution timeline



COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution in Los Angeles County

- Phase 1A:
 - Tier 1:
 - Healthcare workers in hospitals and emergency medical services
 - Healthcare workers and residents of skilled nursing facilities
 - Healthcare workers and residents of other long-term care facilities
 - Tier 2:
 - Healthcare workers at intermediate care facilities
 - DCFS, DMH, and Public Health field staff
 - Home healthcare workers
 - Urgent Care and Primary Care medical staff
 - Tier 3:
 - Acupuncturists, Dental Care, Chiropractors
 - COVID-19 Testing staff
 - Laboratory staff
 - School health providers (school nurses, LVNs)
 - Physical Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Speech Therapists





COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution in Los Angeles County



Phase 1B:

- Tier 1:
 - Individuals 75 years and older
 - Individuals at risk of exposure in Education, Childcare, Emergency Services, Food and Agriculture
- Tier 2:
 - Individuals 65-74 years of age
 - Individuals at risk of exposure in Transportation and logistics, Industrial, Commercial, and Sheltering Facilities and Services, Critical Manufacturing
 - Congregate settings with outbreak risk – incarcerated and homeless

Phase 1C:

- Individuals 16-49 years of age with underlying health conditions or disabilities
- Those at risk of exposure in the following sectors:
 - Water and wastewater, Defense, Energy, Chemical and hazardous materials, Communications and IT, Financial Services, Government operations/community-based essential functions

Phase 2:

- Individuals 16-49 years old without high-risk medical conditions
- Estimated to begin in mid-May or early June

**COMING
SOON!**



GUSD Planning Phase for Vaccinations

- Glendale Unified is partnering with USC Verdugo Hills Hospital to distribute voluntary COVID-19 vaccinations to employees
 - Four Saturdays beginning January 30
- Interest Survey sent to all employees on January 14
- 1,963 responses (56% of employees) as of January 19
 - 1,138 certificated; 627 classified, 149 management, 49 other (includes substitutes and interns)
- 77% want the vaccinations
- 16% do not want the vaccinations
- 7% are unsure



Health Screening App

- Symptom-screening app that provides a guided experience to confirm individuals are healthy enough to enter the workplace
- Follows Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) protocol
- Expedites the daily check-in process
- Provides summary information

App Evaluation Process

- 9 solutions evaluated
 - Platform type
 - Google form
 - Off-the-shelf products
 - Features
 - List of symptoms
 - Definition of exposure
 - Password protection
 - Dashboard
 - Quarantine countdown
 - Cost



Recommendation: ProtectWell™

- Developed by UnitedHealth Group
- Easy to use
- Daily check-in reminder for users
- Quarantine countdown on user's device
- Free

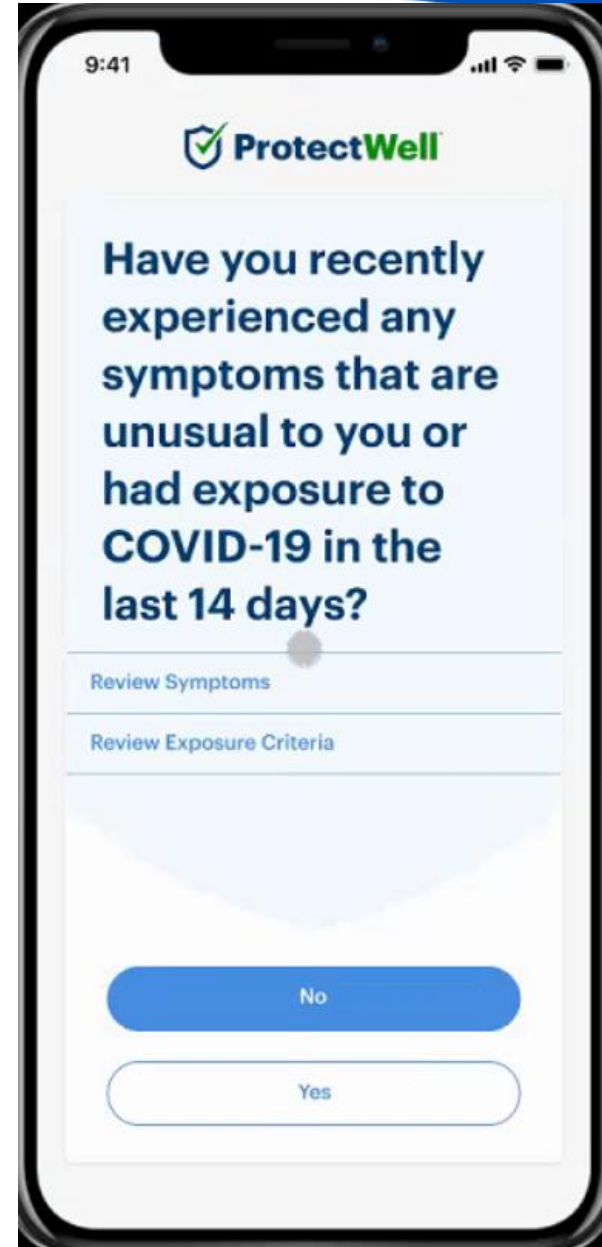


ProtectWell™ Pilot

- ETIS (began January 8, 2021)
- Administration building (began January 12, 2021)
 - Feedback requested via Google Form submission

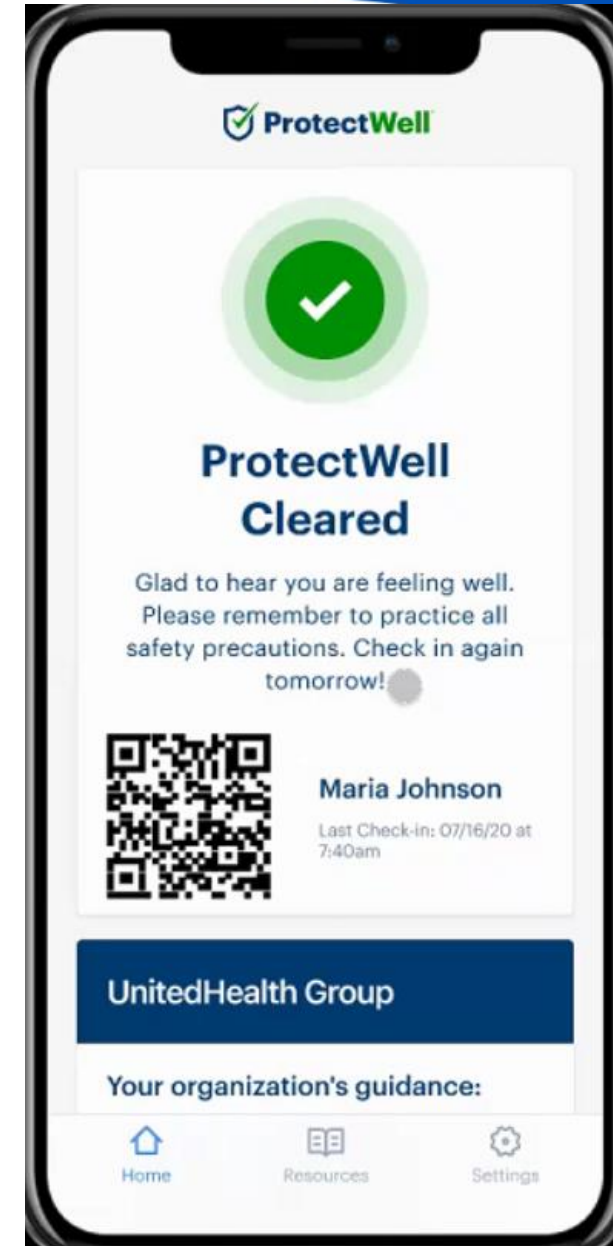
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- Initial Question with links to:
 - Review Symptoms
 - Review Exposure Criteria



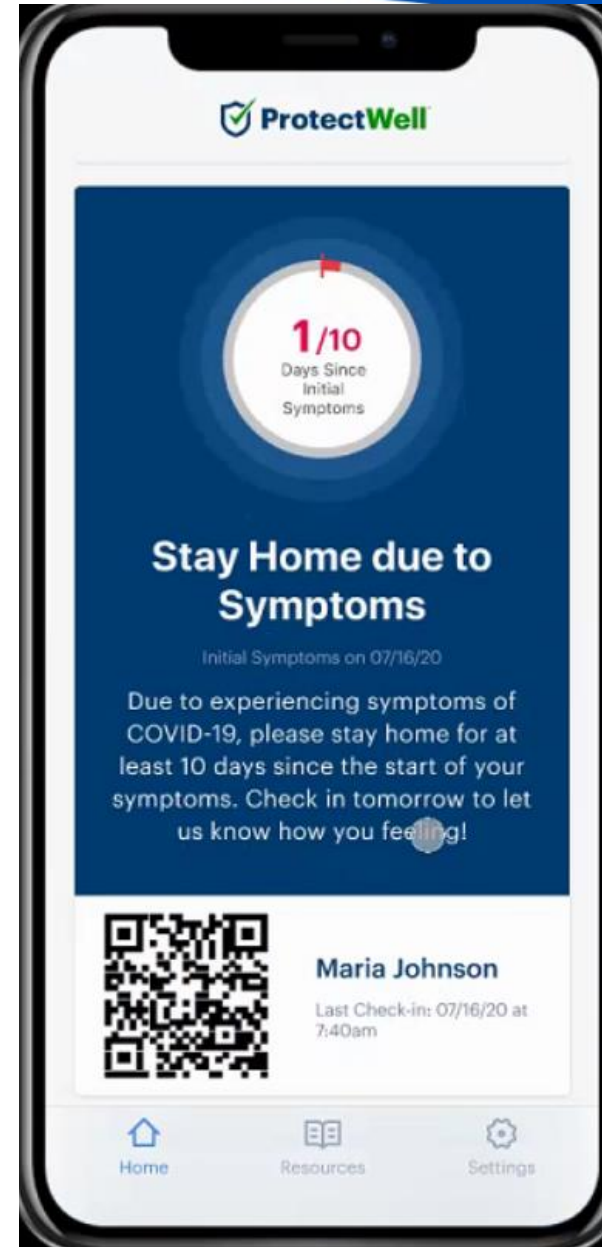
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- Example of Cleared response after indicating “No” to the first question



ProtectWell™ App

- Stay at home instructions (due to symptoms or exposure)



ProtectWell™ App Dashboard

Reporting

Statistics constantly updated providing a quick overview of your organization's progress.

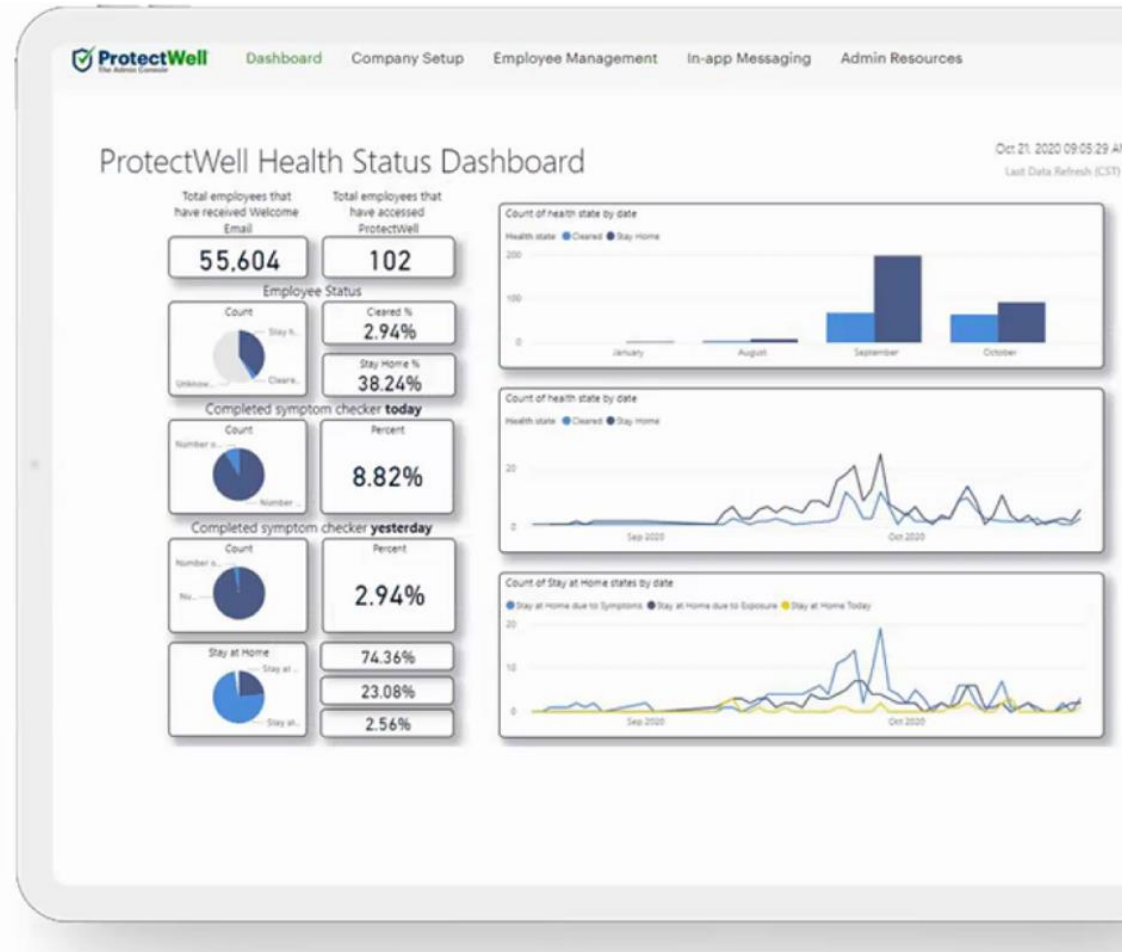
Number of employees with access

Completed symptom checker today

Completed symptom checker yesterday

Overall health state: cleared vs. not cleared over time

Breakdown of stay-at-home protocols (exposure or symptomatic driven)





Air Sanitization

Steps Already Taken

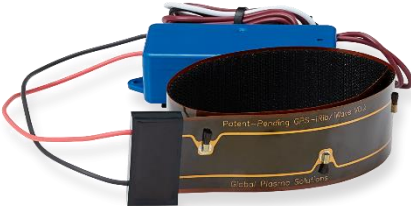
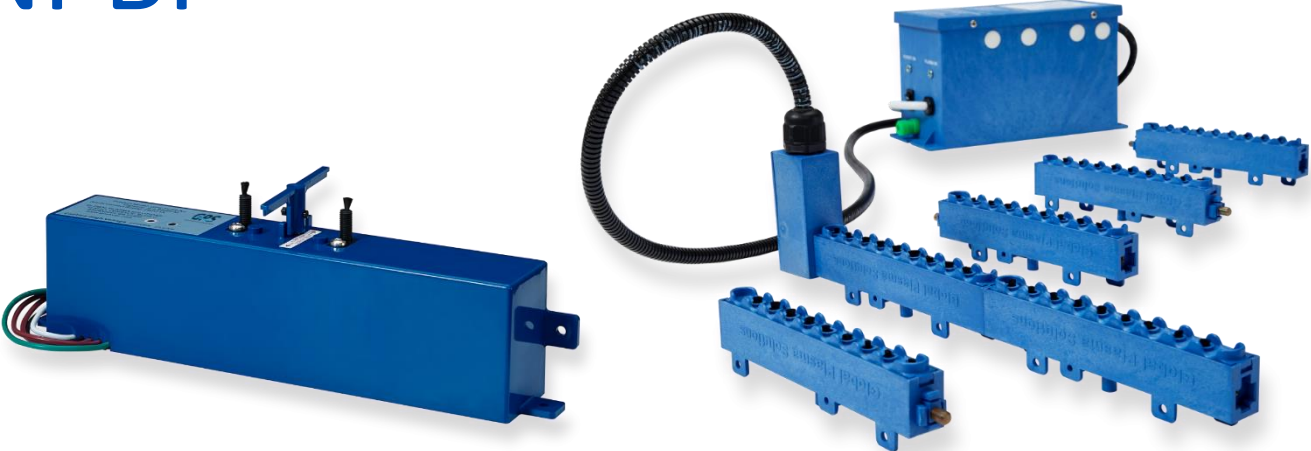
- MERV 13 (Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value) filters have been installed throughout all elementary and middle schools. MERV 13 installation at high schools will be completed in March
- HEPA (High Efficiency Particulate Air) filters are in all tech pods and classrooms with students



Needlepoint Bi-Polar Ionization (NPBI)

- What is NPBI?
 - It is the artificial generation of both positive and negative ions that occur naturally in nature, without the production of ozone or by-products
- What does NPBI do?...some key features
 - Actively seeks out contaminants in the space (as opposed to UV or Filtration which requires contaminants to be drawn into the AHU)
 - Kills Bacteria, Viruses and Mold
 - Breaks Down VOCs (Volatile Organic Compounds) and Odors
 - Treats smoke odors and particles
 - Reduces Airborne particles – the superhighway for viruses
 - Low or no maintenance
- NPBI is supported by ASHRAE (American Society of Heating, Refrigeration, and Air Conditioning Engineers)

NPBI





Additional Notes

- NPBI work may be completed in 4-6 weeks from the date of approval
- Tests have been conducted in laboratory environments
- Several independent laboratories have conducted studies for the effectiveness of the NPBI against killing the COVID 19 and other viruses



Next Steps

- Move forward with NPBI for a total estimated cost of \$2.5 million, to be paid from Federal CARES Act funds
- Procurement will be through the Emergency purchase related to COVID-19 and district's Return to School planning. Formal bidding for equipment and services waived by the Governor by Proclamation of a State of Emergency on March 4, 2020
- Stakeholders may submit anonymous suggestions by downloading the GUSD app and submitting a tip on our tip line



Return to School Committee

- On January 11, district staff and GTA leaders met to discuss:
 - Safety measures in place on all school campuses
 - HVAC filter upgrades
 - HEPA filters in classrooms used for Tech Pods and FLCs
 - Signage on all campuses
- Continued conversation about return to school schedule options for elementary and secondary schools
- Next meeting with GTA scheduled for February 10



CAASPP Waiver

- U.S. Department of Education waived federal testing last year due to the pandemic. This school year, the DOE intends to resume testing
- California State Board of Education did not vote on waivers last week, but 9 of 11 members said they would support a waiver if it became an option
- Gov. Newsom would also need to waive state requirements for standardized tests in math, English language arts, and science, which he did through an executive order in 2020



Questions?



Glendale Unified Days of Service in Honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

- Beginning MLK Day and extending throughout February in honor of Black History Month, each Glendale Unified school will participate in projects to support their communities
- Highlights this week:
 - Clark Magnet High School Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Video
 - Crescenta Valley High School Kindness Videos
 - Mountain Avenue Elementary Postcard Project

Clark Magnet High School Video

[Video](#) created by Associated Student Body (ASB) students honoring the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (3 min)



Crescenta Valley High School Kindness Videos

- CVHS students made kindness videos inspired by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to share with feeder elementary schools
 - Day 1: [How I am kind to myself?](#)
 - Day 2: [Ho do I spread kindness to others?](#)
 - Day 3: [How do I respond when someone is kind to me?](#)
 - Day 4: [Describe a time when someone was kind to you](#)



Kindness Video Day 1: How I am kind to myself?



Mountain Avenue Postcard Project

- Mountain Avenue student council members are working on a postcard writing campaign
- Messages focus on words of encouragement and kindness
- EVERY Mountain Avenue student will receive a “happy” postcard from a peer mailed to their homes





Black History Month Speaker Series

- Black History Month 2021 Theme: *The Black Family: Representation, Identity, and Diversity*
- Each Wednesday afternoon in February
- Three keynote speakers and one panel discussion
- Webinar format – open to all GUSD students
- Q & A as part of each week's presentation
- Watch for informational flyer and links!





Black History Month Speaker Series

- February 3 **DeMark Liggins**, *Chief of Staff, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, National*
Mike Phillips, *World-renowned saxophonist*
- February 10 **Leonard Edwards**, *Vice President of Partnerships, NY Islanders hockey team*
- February 17 **Joi Blume**, *AVP-Underwriter, Intact Insurance Specialty Solutions*
Cheryl Pollard, *Engineering Project Manager, Lockheed Martin RMS*
Michelle Rojas-Soto, *Managing Director, Encompass (nonprofit racial equity consultancy)*
Miles Thompson, *Credit Products Associate, Govt. and Institutional Banking, Regions Bank*
Eboni Walker, *Life coach and mentor*
- February 24 **Dr. Gerda Govine**, *Poet and lecturer*



Questions?