## Deeper Learning Works

How Block Scheduling Compliments Deeper Learning

# Change? But why?



Assets

External

Practical research benefiting children and youth.

### 40 Developmental Assets<sup>®</sup>

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### Category

#### Asset Name and Definition

### Support

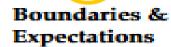


- Family Support-Family life provides high levels of love and support.
- 2. Positive Family Communication-Young person and her or his parent(s) communicate positively, and young person is willing to seek advice and counsel from parents.
- 3. Other Adult Relationships-Young person receives support from three or more nonparent adults.
- Caring Neighborhood-Young person experiences caring neighbors.
- Caring School Climate-School provides a caring, encouraging environment.
- 6. Parent Involvement in Schooling-Parent(s) are actively involved in helping young person succeed in school.

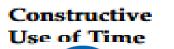
#### Empowerment Community Values Youth-Young person perceives that adults in the community value youth.



- Youth as Resources-Young people are given useful roles in the community.
- 9. Service to Others-Young person serves in the community one hour or more per week.
- Safety-Young person feels safe at home, school, and in the neighborhood.



- 11. Family Boundaries-Family has clear rules and consequences and monitors the young person's whereabouts.
- School Boundaries-School provides clear rules and consequences.
- Neighborhood Boundaries-Neighbors take responsibility for monitoring young people's behavior.
- 14. Adult Role Models-Parent(s) and other adults model positive, responsible behavior.
- 15. Positive Peer Influence-Young person's best friends model responsible behavior.
- 16. High Expectations-Both parent(s) and teachers encourage the young person to do well.



- 17. Creative Activities-Young person spends three or more hours per week in lessons or practice in music, theater, or other arts.
- 18. Youth Programs-Young person spends three or more hours per week in sports, clubs, or organizations at school and/or in the community.
- 19. Religious Community-Young person spends one or more hours per week in activities in a religious institution.
- 20. Time at Home-Young person is out with friends "with nothing special to do" two or fewer nights per week.



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### Category Commitment

to Learning

Positive

Values

Assets

Internal

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- Achievement Motivation-Young person is motivated to do well in school.
- School Engagement-Young person is actively engaged in learning.
  - Homework-Young person reports doing at least one hour of homework every school day.
  - 24. Bonding to School-Young person cares about her or his school.
  - 25. Reading for Pleasure-Young person reads for pleasure three or more hours per week.
- Caring-Young person places high value on helping other people.
- Equality and Social Justice-Young person places high value on promoting equality and reducing hunger and poverty.
- Integrity-Young person acts on convictions and stands up for her or his beliefs.
- Honesty-Young person "tells the truth even when it is not easy."
- Responsibility-Young person accepts and takes personal responsibility.
- 31. Restraint-Young person believes it is important not to be sexually active or to use alcohol or other drugs.
- Social Competencies
- 32. Planning and Decision Making-Young person knows how to plan ahead and make choices. 33. Interpersonal Competence-Young person has empathy, sensitivity, and friendship skills.
  - 34. Cultural Competence-Young person has knowledge of and comfort with people of different cultural/racial/ethnic backgrounds.
  - Resistance Skills-Young person can resist negative peer pressure and dangerous situations.
  - Peaceful Conflict Resolution-Young person seeks to resolve conflict nonviolently.

Positive

- Identity
- 37. Personal Power-Young person feels he or she has control over "things that happen to me."
- Self-Esteem-Young person reports having a high self-esteem.
- 39. Sense of Purpose-Young person reports that "my life has a purpose."
- 40. Positive View of Personal Future-Young person is optimistic about her or his personal future.

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## The Developmental Assets<sup>®</sup> Connection

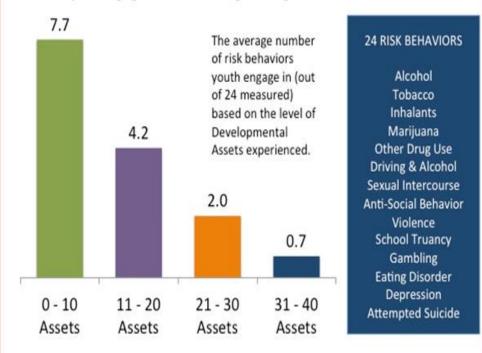
#### **RESEARCH INSIGHTS**

DATA

SOURCE

### Assets and Risky Behaviors among US Youth

Youth who have higher levels of Developmental Assets are much less likely to engage in a wide range of high-risk behaviors.

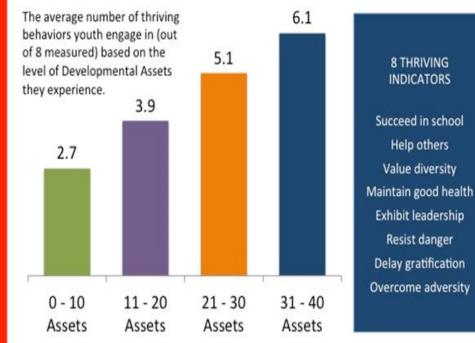


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### Assets and Thriving among US Youth

Youth who have higher levels of Developmental Assets are much more likely to engage in thriving behaviors.



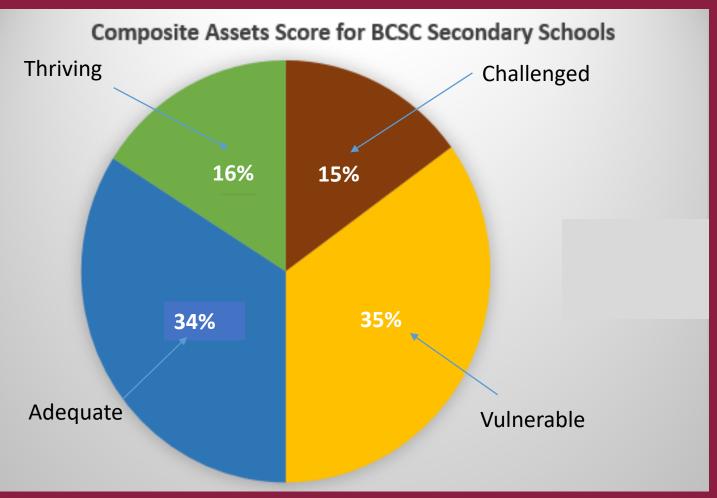


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## **BCSC DAP Survey Results**



• 16% of students "Thriving" with internal assets

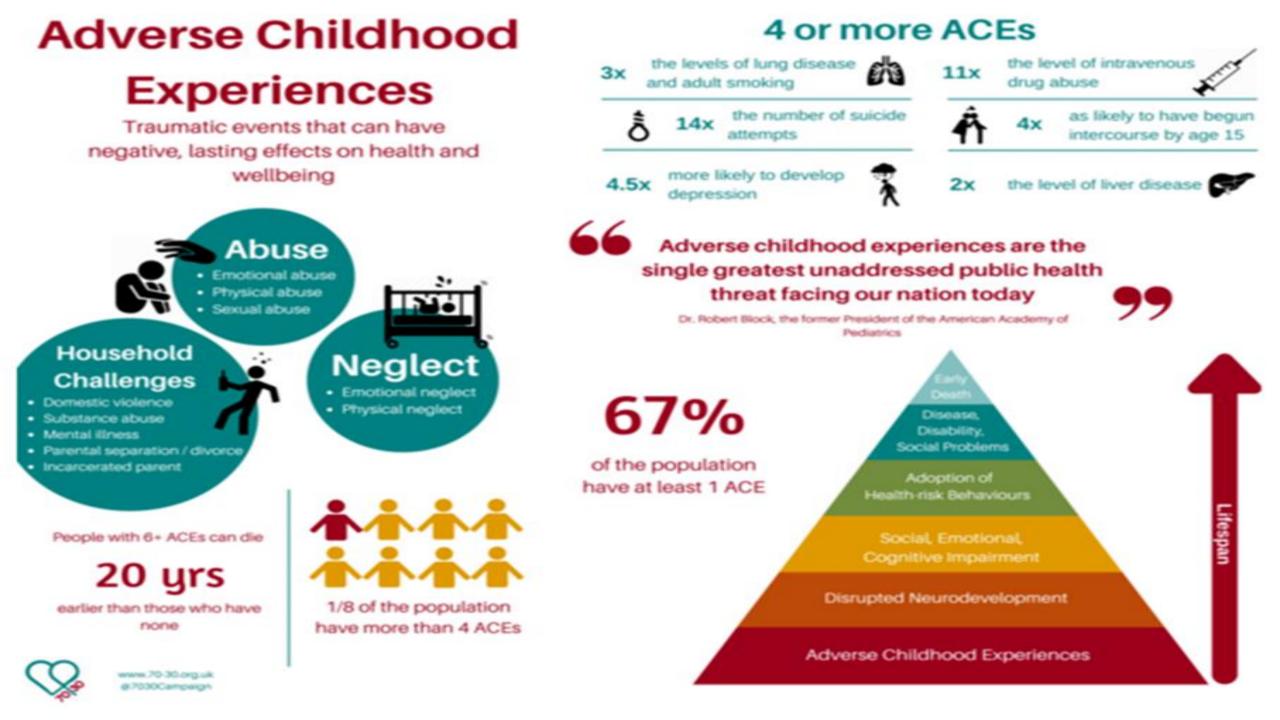
 50% of BCSC 7-12 grade students reported "Challenged" or "Vulnerable"

 Survey Results helped to drive our "WHY" Similar conversations:

Indiana Department of Education Social-Emotional Learning Competencies



Built Upon A Neurodevelopmental Culturally Responsive Framework



### CASEL = Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning

SKILLS to: Understand and manage

MANAGING YOUR EMOTIONS

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Set positive goals

Feel and show empathy to others

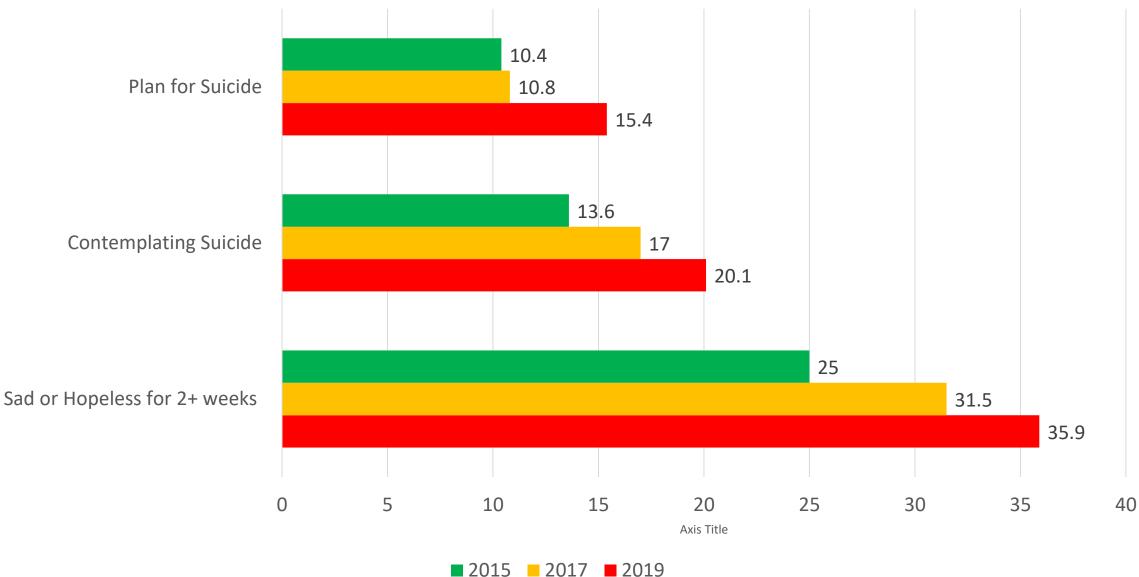
Establish AND maintain

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**ASEL** Inspiring Minds.

Make responsible decisions

### **Indiana Youth Survey**



## Reflections

- Developmental Assets/IDOE/ACEs/ CASEL/INYS
- The need to develop positive and healthy relationships
- School safety

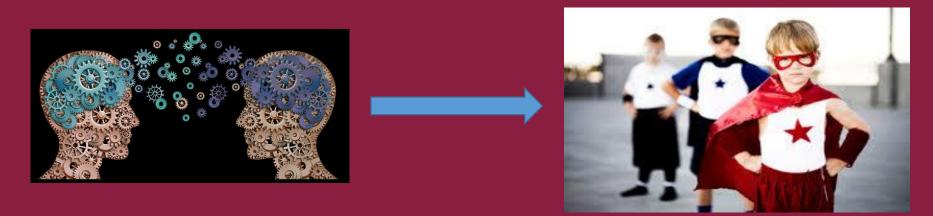


- Issues around mental health
- Caring adults









- <u>Compelling challenge</u>: to create a schedule that will maintain the integrity of our solid academic foundation and allow opportunities to strengthen the relationships within our school community.
- Holistic approach
- Intentionality in meeting the students' academic needs plus their social-emotional learning needs and grow assets in our students
- A committee was created to look at Alternative Schedules with a focus on building Developmental Assets and promoting Social Emotional Learning.
- School visits- Batesville/Bloomington North/Carmel

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#### Reflect on the process and celebrate/ revise as necessary

PD 2019-20 Laptop lunches Departmental meetings Student feedback Faculty and staff feefback Parent feedback

#### **Implement strategies**

Committee research – Focus Groups Staff Professional Development

**Develop strategies with measures to** 

indicate progress

DAP survey results Reduced discipline referrals Student Assistance referrals Indiana Youth Survey results

#### Create future state targets

Implement Block Eight schedule beinning in 2020-21 school year Embed an "Advisory" period to address intentionally the development of positive relationships and desired outcome-Groups from CSA/East/North: Students Parents Faculty and Staff Department Leaders Block Schedule Committee Members Middle Schools Counseling Counts Council for Youth Development C4 Food Services Transportation

#### **Establish and build trusting relationships**

Open communication Listening for understanding

#### Collect and analyze relevant data to identify the current state

Concerns around mental health and school safety and security Visits to three schools with 20 staff members and three high schools represented

#### Create a shared understanding of why the work is needed based on data Developmental Assets Developmental Relationships Social Emotional Learning



### \*4 X 8

\*Four 85 minute classes on Day 1
\*Four different 85 minute classes on Day 2
\*Imitates a college schedule
\*Teachers teach three classes a day
\*16 credits per year for 64 total credits



## SAMPLE SCHEDULE for BCSC High Schools

<b>1</b> <sup>st</sup>	Advisory	<b>2</b> <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> /Lunch	4 <sup>th</sup>
7:45-9:10 85 min	9:17-9:47 30 min	9:54-11:19 85 min	11:26-12:51 3A 12:11-1:36 3B 85 min class 45 min lunch	1:43-3:15 92 min
5 <sup>th</sup>	SRT	6th	7th/Lunch	8 <sup>th</sup>
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- Days 1 & 2 would rotate.
- Teachers would have the same group of students for Advisory & SRT.
- On Advisory days, focus on the 40 Developmental Assets and SEL.
- Lessons would be created by a committee and provided to teachers.
- On SRT days, individual study or use that time for individual help, enrichment, work make up, etc.
- Teachers prep on day 1 or day 2 and a duty (resource) on the alternate day.

## **Deeper Learning Works!**

- Allows for more time to go in depth within a lesson
- Allows for students to engage with the curriculum in a deeper way
- A block schedule allows dedicated time for social / emotional development and asset building
- Sub committee working on Advisory curriculum
  - Relationships Developmental Assets Social Emotional Learning



## Student Focus Groups

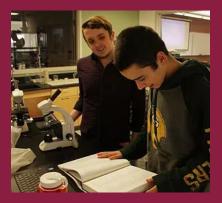
### • CSA New Tech High School—6 February 2019

### • East High School—26 February 2019

## • North High School—4, 6, 7 February 2019







## Parent Focus Groups

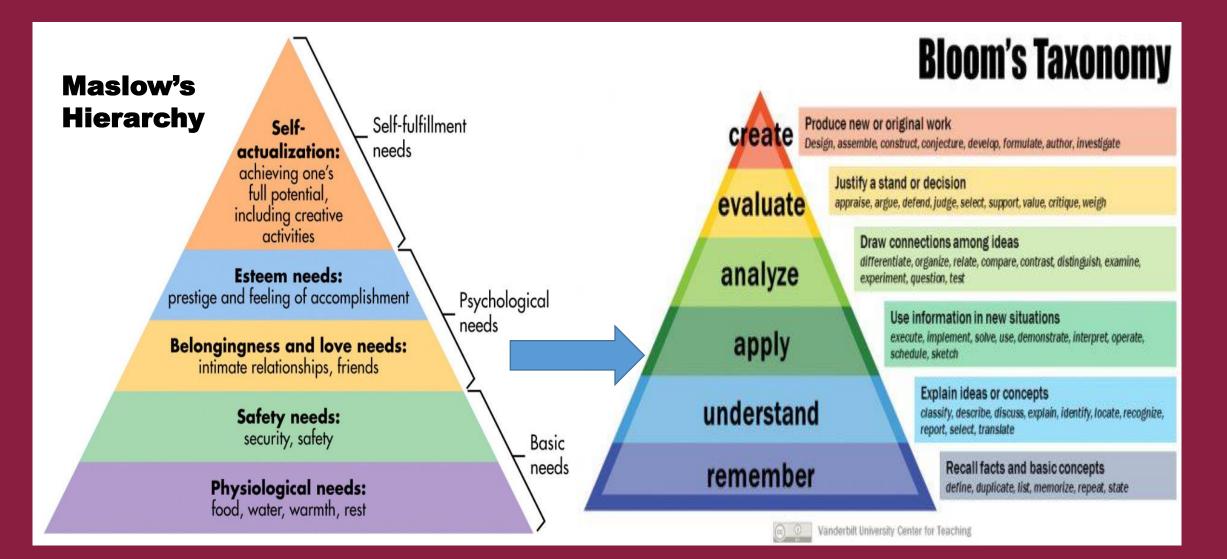
• Met February 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

• Met February 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.

• Shared via e-mail request

## "You CAN'T get to Bloom's Taxonomy without going through Maslow's Hierarchy."

Tara Brown



## Proposal for support

- Requesting board support to implement this schedule change in our BCSC secondary schools in grades 9-12.
- Requesting that we implement this schedule beginning with the 2020-2021 school year.

