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The mission of Moreno Valley Unified School District is to ensure all students graduate high school prepared to successfully enter into higher education and/or pursue a viable career path.

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Hundreds of educators from around the country to converge on Moreno Valley High ***National BARR Fall Gathering to focus on MoVal's student success***

MORENO VALLEY, Calif. – If you want to see the positive results of expert teachers banding together to learn more about students and help meet their academic, behavioral, social and emotional needs, there's no place better than Moreno Valley High School, which is why on **Oct. 24-25**, educators from around the nation will converge on MoVal for the national BARR Fall Gathering.

BARR, which stands for **Building Assets, Reducing Risks**, is a federal Investing in Innovation (i3) grant that helps schools provide targeted intervention for students at a critical moment in their academic lives, preventing school failure and dropout. Moreno Valley Unified is a BARR grant recipient.

“We're very proud to be hosting the BARR Fall Gathering,” said MVUSD Chief Academic Officer Dr. Martinex Kedziora. “We've had some amazing success stories in our district about BARR literally coming to the rescue of students and keeping them stay in school and on track to graduation and beyond. MoVal is the perfect place to highlight what BARR can do.”

BARR is built upon the belief that teacher effectiveness is essential to student success and school turnaround, and that effectiveness is affected by intersecting variables, including the extent to which teachers have (1) opportunities for peer-to-peer learning and collaboration; (2) time and resources needed to build positive relationships with their colleagues and students; and (3) support from parents and school leaders. BARR creates highly effective teacher teams using a unique blend of interrelated approaches designed to impact these three critical variables.

Click here to see a video clip of the BARR Spring Gathering featuring speakers from MVUSD:
<https://hazelden.wistia.com/medias/ln31q6umu8>.

News media are invited to attend the BARR Fall Gathering at Moreno Valley High School, located at 23300 Cottonwood Ave., Moreno Valley. The event starts at 8 a.m., Monday October 24 and ends at 11:30 a.m., Tues., Oct. 25. See attached schedule of events.

Including BARR, MVUSD has been awarded four federal i3 grants, the most for any school district in America.

ABOUT MVUSD: Moreno Valley Unified School District is the third-largest school district in Riverside County and the 23rd largest in California, educating more than 34,000 students in grades TK-12 at 40 schools. Our graduation rate exceeds both the state and national averages.

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Monday, October 24, 2016

8:15am - 3:15pm

Moreno Valley High School, Moreno Valley, CA
23300 Cottonwood Ave, Moreno Valley, CA 92553

- 8:15 - 9:15 Welcome: Susan Savell, BARR Project Co-Director, Angela Jerabek, BARR Project Director, Moreno Valley Unified School District Leadership
- 9:15 - 10:15 Dr. Michelle Steagall, Chief Academic Officer, CORE Districts
- 10:15 - 10:30 Break (snacks provided by Hazelden Publishing)
- 10:30 - 11:15 Panel: Collaboration is Key to Creating a Climate of Achievement
- 11:30 - 12:00 Collaboration and Action: Justin Barbeau, Technical Assistance Director, BARR
- 12:00 - 12:45 Lunch (Boxed lunches from Panera)
- 1:00 - 1:30 Jon Terry, Capitol Youth Strategies, Washington, DC: BARR and the National Education Landscape
- 1:30 - 2:00 Dr. Hans Bos and Dr. Brenna O'Brien, American Institutes for Research (AIR): Update on Randomized Control Trial: The Impact of BARR on Students
- 2:00 - 2:15 Break (snacks provided by Hazelden Publishing)
- 2:15 - 2:30 Moreno Valley Unified School District Leadership
- 2:30 - 3:15 Dr. Maryann Corseello, Evaluation Director, BARR: Same Students. Same Teachers: Findings from 10 Rural Schools
- 3:15 Wrap Up

Tuesday, October 25, 2016

8:00am - 12:30pm

Moreno Valley High School, Moreno Valley, CA
23300 Cottonwood Ave, Moreno Valley, CA 92553

- 8:00 - 8:15 Welcome: Moreno Valley Unified School District Leadership, Susan Levine, Director, Riverside County Office of Education
- 8:15 - 9:00 BARR in Action: Big Block Teacher Team Meeting Observation
- 9:00 - 9:10 Justin Barbeau, BARR Director of Technical Assistance: Debrief & Risk Review Introduction
- 9:10 - 9:45 BARR in Action: Risk Review Meeting Observation
- 10:00 - 10:15 Break: Student Guides help visitors to I-Time classrooms for observations
- 10:15 - 11:15 BARR in Action: I-Time Observations in the Classrooms, Sue Brown, BARR District Coordinator, Hemet Unified School District, CA, Building Tour led by 9th Graders and Mentors
- 11:30 - 11:45 Closing: Angela Jerabek, BARR Project Director
- 11:45 - 12:30 Networking with BARR Schools