




Urbana Early Childhood School

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING


MARCH 13, 2018

Student Focused Goal

“ Increase student content knowledge by increasing family engagement and embedding family cultural practices into our curriculum”



Research shows that by increasing family participation and engagement, students will benefit long term. Students will increase knowledge and make meaningful connections with targeted units that are embedded with their family cultural practices.



Measurements

Family Engagement

Family communication, participation in family events, Bright starts, Parent School Improvement Meetings, classroom activities, parent/teacher conferences, volunteerism, survey returns, student attendance

Student Growth Data

- Assessment (GOLD: Recalls and makes connections)
- Pre/Post Unit Data



Increase 2-way communication through social media such as Facebook, ClassDoJo, Remind App, Bloomz, Twitter

Increase number of home visits with intentional conversations regarding cultures and practices

Communication Going Home

- Weekly Newsletter Information/Format
- Stickers to help families identify KEY info
- Review Cultural Questionnaires and flyers

Family Feedback

- Review questions on annual survey
- Exit slips at all classroom, family, school, and team events asking for feedback and suggestions
- Parent discussion groups at P/T conferences, breakfasts, lunches, etc.

Bringing home life, practices, and culture into classroom units of study

ex: Night time unit –

Traditional lullaby, bedtime story, routines, etc.

A more concerted effort to bring family members into classrooms to share

Examine Classroom materials/libraries

Staff to review/reflect on current units, themes, to see how we can embed culturally relevant materials and families

Examine classroom libraries for culturally relevant literature

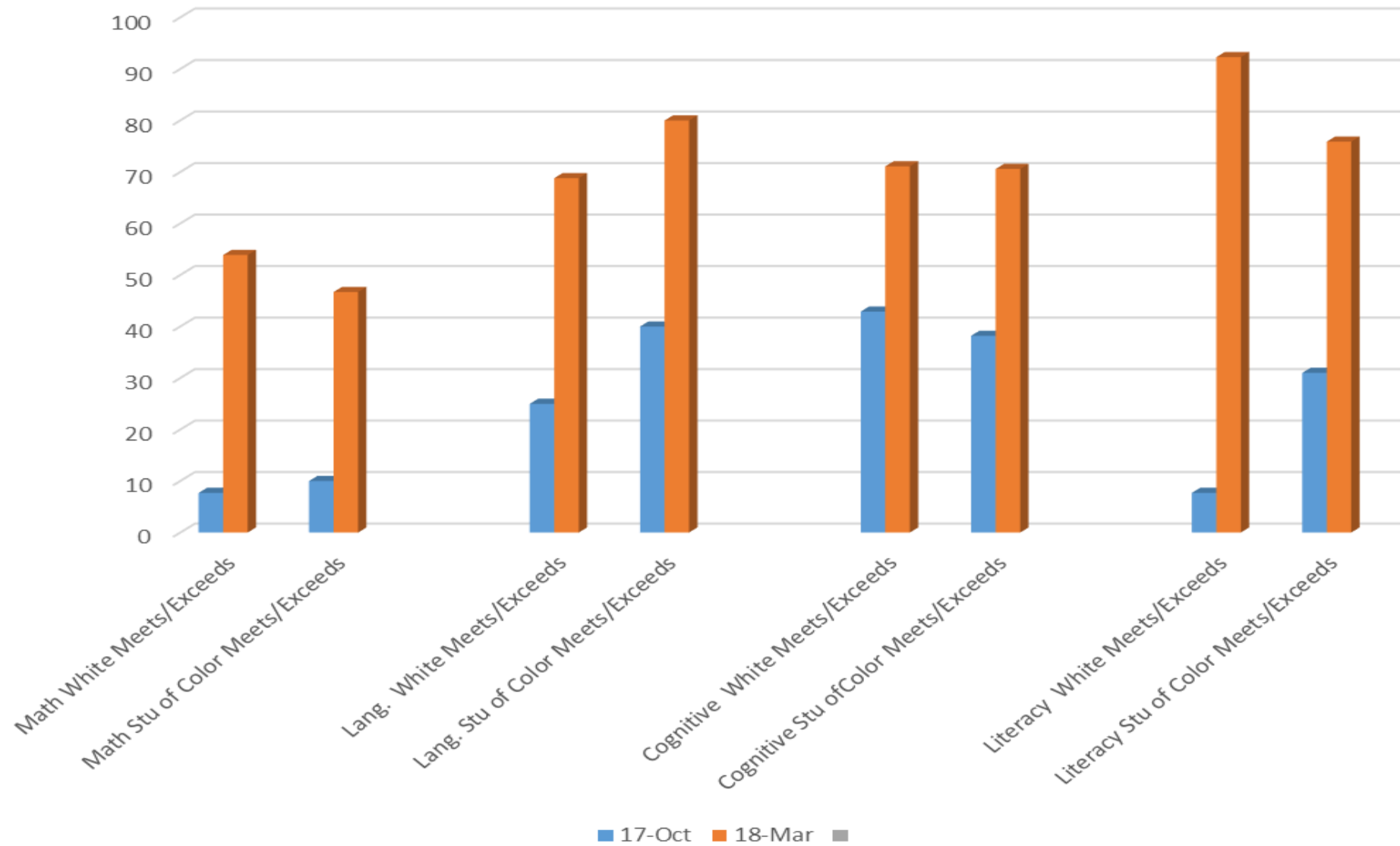
Staff Development

How to Teach Students Who Don't Look Like You: Culturally Relevant Teaching Strategies

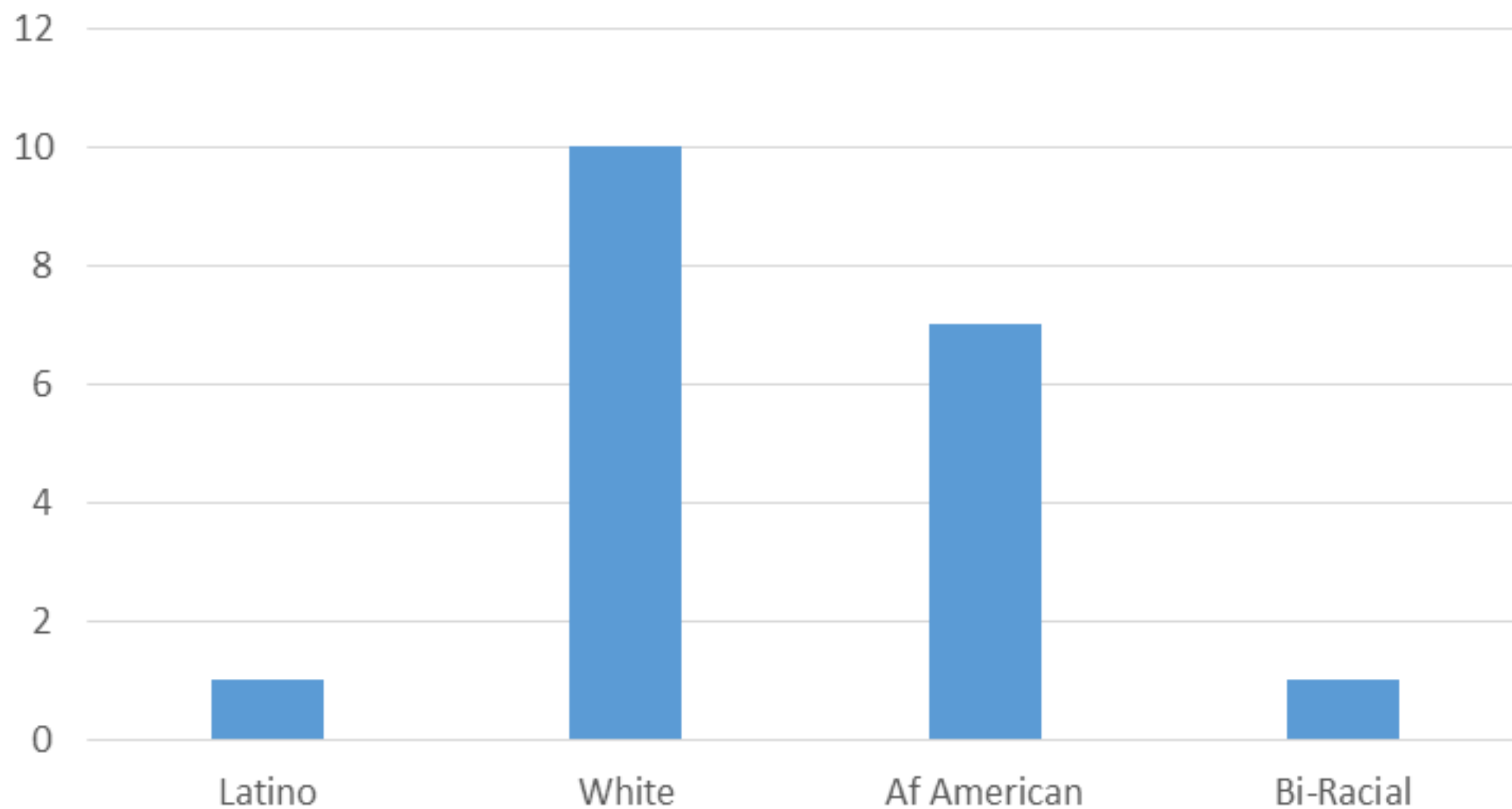
Whose Culture Has Capital?- Tara Yosso

Luis Moll's Funds of Knowledge

Student Growth 2017-2018 Fall-Winter data points



Aug - Feb Office Referrals



Future Goals: Better meet needs of students and increase supports to families

- Increase social/emotional supports, (mental health specialist)

- Increase academic supports, (literacy coach/instructional coach)

- Increase supports for ELL students, (hire ESL/bilingual staff and increase spaces for them)

- Increase learning opportunities for children, (current waiting list 52)