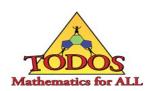
# through PROJECT BASED SOCIAL JUSTICE MATHEMATICS

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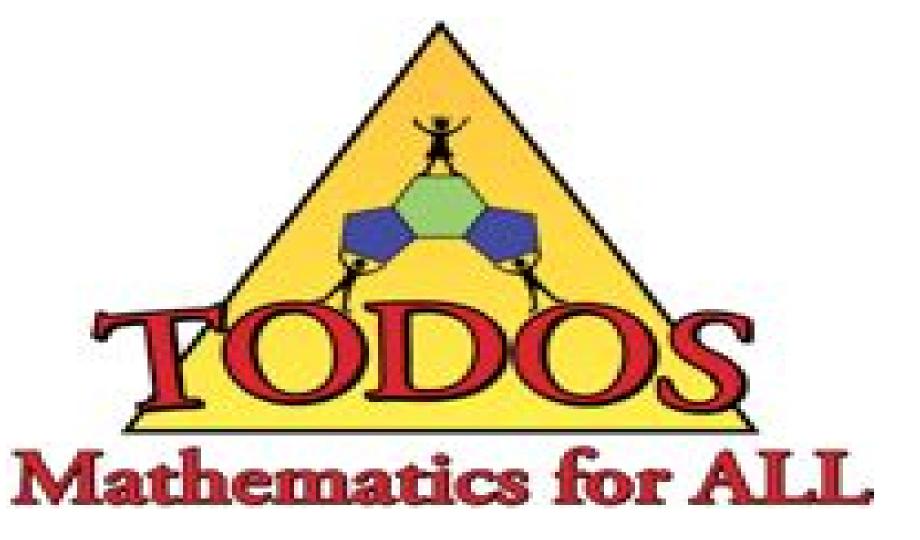
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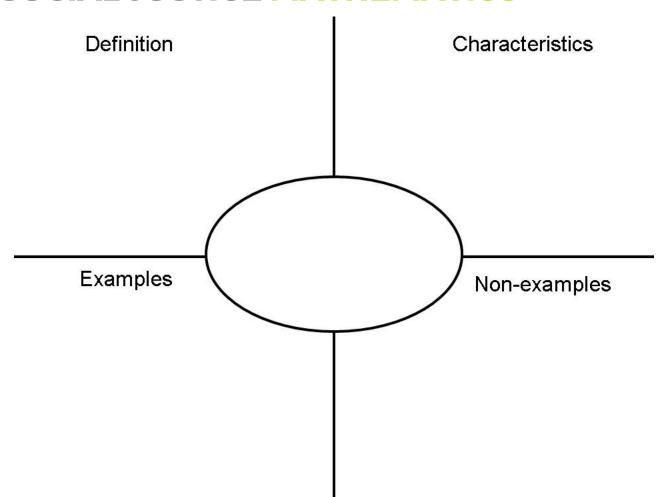
enhance learning

#### **PROJECT-BASED LEARNING**

#### Propose Inquire **Focus** • Develop proposal that • Brainstorm topics and sub-• Develop a critical question includes: topics about your chosen • Make multi-disciplinary topic critical question connections Conduct preliminary learning targets • Ground learning in standards research and take notes potential products • research plan Produce Present Reflect Research and take note • Defend learning through a • Complete self-assessment on rehearesed presentation · Write, edit, and revise work all aspects of the project • Share the process and • Create sketches of potential Highlight strengths learning targets met artifact(s) • Identify areas for Produce artifacts that Accept comments and improvement and action plan

critiques

#### **SOCIAL JUSTICE MATHEMATICS**



- the standards and practices that align to a school district's mandated curricular standards
- knowledge that assists students in needed skills for further education as well as life and career opportunities
- "Classical" knowledge (Gutstein, 2007)





# 2. Critical Inequity

- coming to an understanding of the historical, social, political, and cultural issues in society
- knowledge of power and privilege through multiple lenses:
  - ▷ race
  - ▷ class
  - gender
  - language
  - ability
  - sexual orientation
- "Critical"

(Gutstein, 2007)





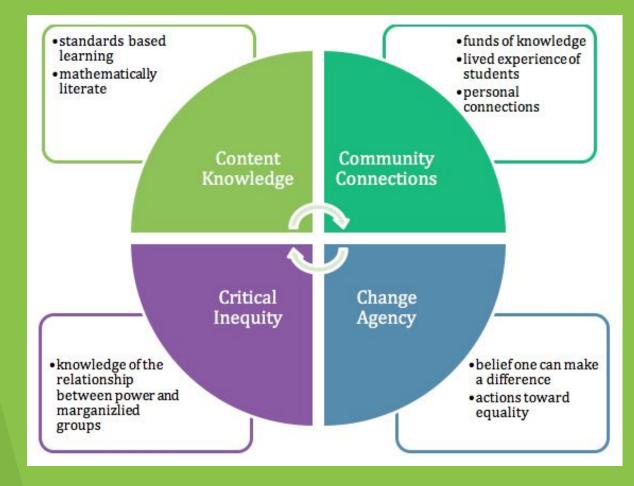
**3.**Community
Connections

- the lived experiences students bring into the classroom
- incorporates cultural knowledge: language, heritage, religion, and other cultural practices
- includes understanding of power relationships within their local, state, national, and global society
- > "Community" (Gutstein, 2007)

- understanding one's ability to make a difference in society
- may grow over time, from a belief one can make a difference to acting upon this knowledge
- Gutstein did not include this in his framework (2007)

4.
Change
Agency





PB-SJM Framework

(adapted from Gutstein, 2007)



I can make a difference say, but you know, I'm just a little kid. I can't make a whole difference in this whole entire world. I can sure enough try.

## WEAVING TOGETHER EQUITY PRACTICES

- ▶ PB-SJM Framework
- TODOS & NCSM's Social Justice Position
- ► NCTM's Equity Principle

Using these three documents, what common threads do you find? What is the goal of an equitable, social justice mathematics classroom?

## **COMMON EQUITY THREADS**

## \$100,000,000,000 cost of gang violence per year in US

17%

percent of US population is Hispanic

47%

percent of US gang members are Hispanic

## Where did you see the 4 C's?

Content Knowledge	Community Connections
Critical Inequity	Change Agency

#### **PB-SJM IN ACTION: Kala**

#### Inquire

- learned about the GREAT program
- investigated national statistics
- lack of local statistics led to idea to interview local police officer

#### **Focus**

- pre-research included gang ethnicity breakdown
- examine difference between the percent of Hispanic people in gangs compared to the US population

#### **Propose**

- "I wasn't hearing much about gang activity and I was wondering why. I want to incorporate numbers because it deepens the learning."

### **PB-SJM IN ACTION: Kala**

Officer Myers got to meet a family who had two middle school boys that were in the gang, "Crazy Hmong Boys". She was hearing rumors that they were in the gang so she decided to stop over. She said the mom was very nice and the boys were very polite. They taught her gang signs and the two that stood out to her was if you wanted to assault a female police officer and the second one was if kill a police officer. These two stood out because in a way they were protecting her. Sadly, one of them is currently serving jail time at the Police Department.

#### **Produce**

- conducted a 25 min interview with a local, female police officer
- wrote letter to superintendent regarding the GREAT program in schools
- calculated new use of \$100 billion

\$20,000 per year for 4 years= \$80,000

I divided \$100,000,000,000 (100 billion) by \$80,000.

I found that with 100 billion dollars, I could send 1.25 million people to college for 4 years

That could send almost all of the gang members to college for 4 years!



Why isn't the government just doing this, then? Putting money into education and fixing gang problems instead of putting them in jail?

#### **PB-SJM IN ACTION: Kala**

#### Present

- peer asked Kala reasons people join gangs
- Kala's research indicated factors like poverty, immigration, discrimination and social isolation
- "These are really big ideas. Like, I could have done a whole project on just one of the ideas. I couldn't look at all of them."

#### Reflect

- "I guess with math, even if it was just money, I could transfer that to how much it costs in real life to make a point."



## Where did you see the 4 C's?

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#### **APPLICATION**

How can I incorporate Project-Based Social Justice Mathematics into my classroom?

### **THANKS!**

## Any questions?

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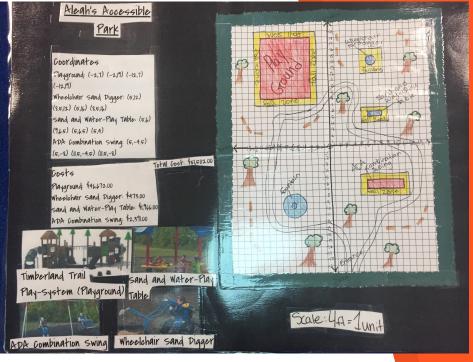
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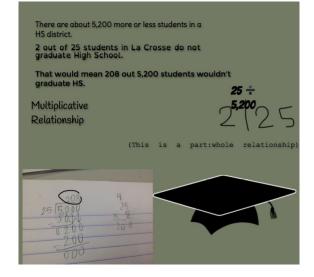
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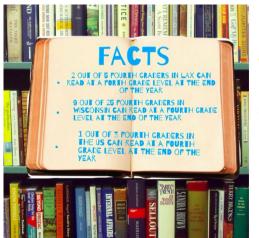


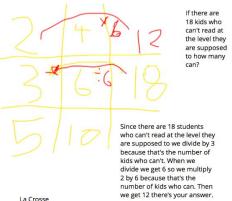
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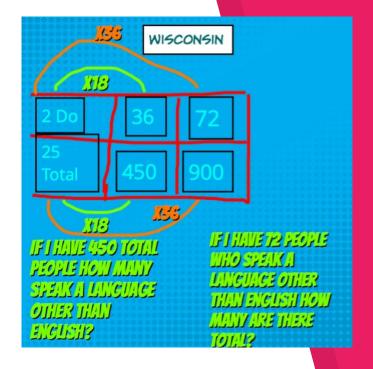


## SOCIAL JUSTICE RATIO BOOKS









### 437:27 or 437:464 Caucasían: Non-Caucasían

For every 437 Caucasians in La Crosse there are 27 non-Caucasians. I am part of the minority cuz my mom is white and my dad's black. My nickname is Carmello and I am proud to be African-American and Caucasian.

As a percent, there are 94.2% Caucasian and 5.8% non-Caucasian. I am part of the 5.8%. As a decimal, that is 0.058. This is a selfie of me, my cousin Rianna, and Ms. McHugh cuz I told you I would make you part of my project. Hehe. I am the only non-Caucasian.



MY LIFE: PART OF THE MINORITY

This is me. I'm part of the 4% of people in the world with red hair that is natural not fake.

That is .04 or four hundredths as a decimal.

As a ratio that's 1:25 (part: whole) or 1:24 (part: part).

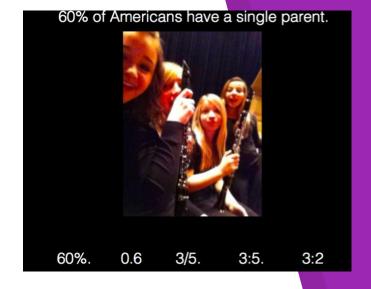
That means that for every 25 people there is one red head.

It would also be 1/25 as a fraction.

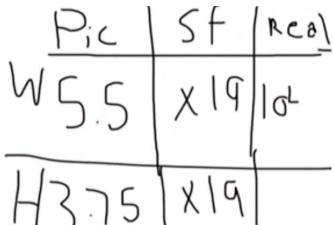
I think it is awesome to have red hair because I am unique and my hair tells everyone that I am fierce.

SOURCE: PURGATORY.NET











CANS FOR KIDS

We had to try and see how many cans could fit inside of this trailer.
We only had pictures of the trailer and the picture of the can and a can in front of us.



