



# K-12 Program

Initiatives and Developments

Presentation

2019 Nationals



# Goals Presented in August, 2017-

- Design an Updated Program to fit the needs of schools across the country
- Determine the type of offering by USA Dance and “Value”
- Objectives (Wellness, Social Skills, Respect, Confidence, Team Work and how it can complement academic curriculums
- Create Metrix on a Case by Case Basis
- Develop Framework
- Implement Pilot Program(s)

# Objectives

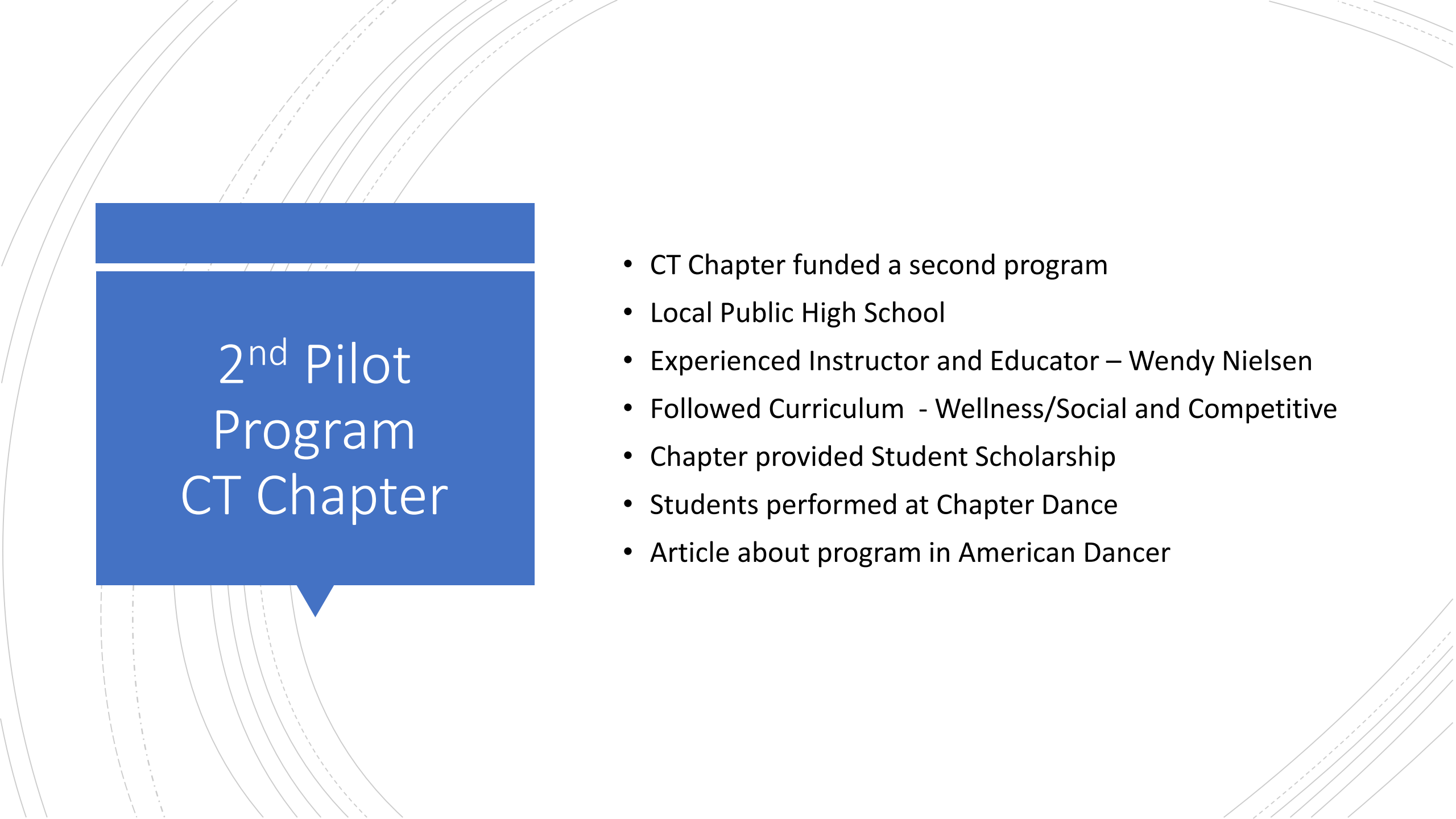
- Improvement of Social Skills and Behavior
- Wellness – Fitness, Mental, Emotional
- Improved Self Awareness
- Enhanced Self-Confidence and Social Comfort Level
- Enhanced Coordination and Balance
- Enhanced Creativity and Expression
- Development of Teamwork and Partnership Skills (applicable to Academics and Community Service Requirements)
- Fun Activity – Socially, Physically and Mentally

Kicking Off Pilot  
Program  
CT Chapter –  
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- East Catholic High School
- Elective Program – student paid
- After School at on campus dance studio
- Partnered with local studio to provide teachers
- Competitive Program at request of school – based on WDSF syllabus
- End Goal - Competition

# Outcome

- Good Support from School Administration
- Instructors needed background checks and school required safety training
- Partnering with studio – “painful experience”. Instructors were NOT certified to teach, curriculum was NOT followed as stated for USA Dance K-12 program. Incorporated other dance style as primary focus without approval. Ran as Studio Program
- Final Outcome was kids were taught Hip Hop and taken to Hip Hop competition

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Pilot Program CT Chapter

- CT Chapter funded a second program
- Local Public High School
- Experienced Instructor and Educator – Wendy Nielsen
- Followed Curriculum - Wellness/Social and Competitive
- Chapter provided Student Scholarship
- Students performed at Chapter Dance
- Article about program in American Dancer

# Additional Pilot Programs

- Seattle, WA
- Atlanta, GA
- Mobile, AL
- Las Cruces, NM
- Orange County, Los Angeles, CA



## Seattle, WA

- Ran program in Everett, WA at Hawthorne Elementary
- Requested – Olga Foraponova with Kym Zion had provided a Dance Wellness Program to the Everett District a few years prior
- School asked for program – Olga taught program as USA Dance K-12 program in November, 2018
- 1 week – Grades 1-5 (all school). Class Unit
- Included Break Dancing Class with David Narvaez. Very well received.
- School had kids with severe behavioral issues – kids enjoyed Breaking. It seemed to be a good outlet.

## Atlanta, GA

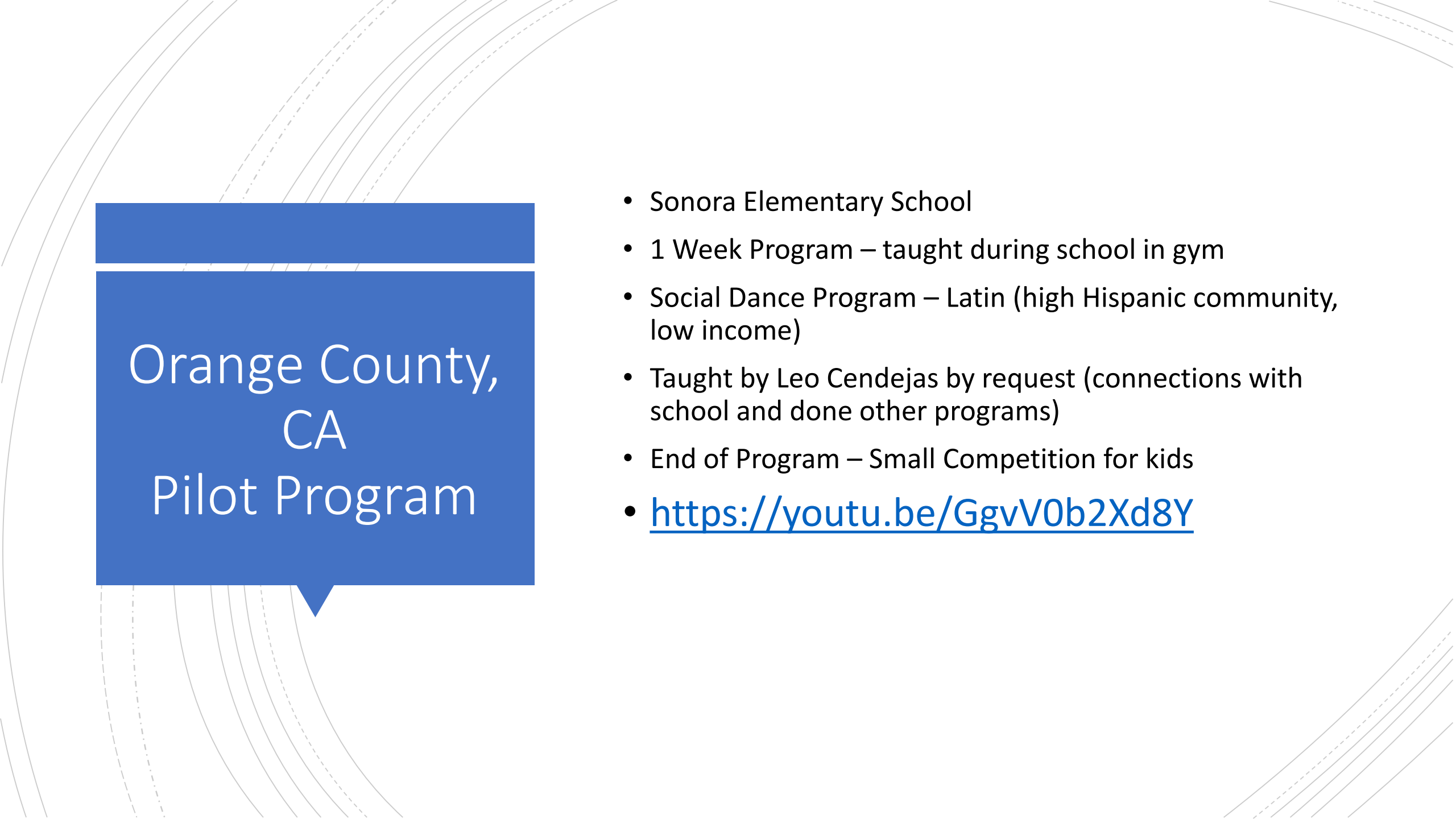
- Working with Mindi Sheer-Naylor, long time USA Dance competitor
- Mindi – Certified Laban Movement Analyst, Movement Disorders Training
- Goals – working to get Pilot in Arts School in Development
- Additional Goal in other communities including a Woman's Shelter for children living in the shelter
- Promoting through National Dance Education Organization (NDEO), Advancing Dance Education in the Arts
- Seeking partnership to promote program(s)

# Mobile, AL

- Working with Debra Morrow
- No Resources for Teaching in Mobile
- Interested in a “Train” the Teacher Program
- Has Funding – Grant potential
- Needs teachers that will fit demographics
- She would like Introduction to Ballroom

# Las Cruces, NM

- Las Cruces School District interest
- Needs Train the Teacher Program
- Guest Instructors NOT allowed by school district
- Las Cruces Chapter – doing workshops and presentations to train teachers

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# Orange County, CA Pilot Program

- Sonora Elementary School
- 1 Week Program – taught during school in gym
- Social Dance Program – Latin (high Hispanic community, low income)
- Taught by Leo Cendejas by request (connections with school and done other programs)
- End of Program – Small Competition for kids
- <https://youtu.be/GgvV0b2Xd8Y>

## Los Angeles, CA Pilot Program – start April 23rd

- School was referred to Leo Cendejas – he agreed to participate under USA Dance K-12 program and volunteer (n/c) for 1 month.
- Miles Avenue Elementary School – (3) schools. Math/Science/Technology, Liberal Arts, Dual Language (Spanish)
- Principal would like ongoing program for all schools – K-5
- No Funding (however, Principal will look to find funding)
- Hispanic and Low Income
- Goals – New Awareness, Enriched, Alternative Experience, Social Skills, Behavioral Improvement, Fitness and Wellness, How to Compete, Leadership

# Measurable

- Pilot Program – 5 classes per week
- Continue Program after Pilot - Rotate Teachers
- Dance at Multi Cultural Fair
- Pride in Community
- How Dance Relates to Academics (such as Math)
- Parent Support
- See the World Differently
- Social and Leadership skills

# Overall Challenges

- Resources – Instructors and Funding
- Instructors must be USA Dance members and experienced
- Pass each school requirements
- Support – Administration, Parent, District, Community
- In School vs After School
- Measurables – Define
- Continuation Programs



# What Can We Do?

- References – Pilots are starting to provide references and testimonials
- Marketing
- Investment to run programs \*in some districts schools are not allowed to “pay” for outside services during school hours
- After School Opportunities (PTA)
- **Local Chapter Support - \*Talk to Chapters**
- Partnering Opportunities with other Organizations
- Assistance with vetting Instructors
- Implementing a Certification Program for Instructors (such as Train the Teacher)
- Athletes are strongly encouraged help invest in teaching and mentoring

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