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Team meetings

Date	Participants	Topic
01/20/2016	This is a test participant	Testing topic
01/30/2016	Another test	Another test topic
03/30/2016	ILT/CIWP Members	Developing strategies and action steps
03/23/2016	ILT/CIWP Members	Developing strategies and action steps
03/16/2016	ILT/CIWP Members	Established teams to work on different goal and focus areas
03/09/2016	ILT/CIWP Members	We developed the goals based on data
03/02/2016	ILT/CIWP Members	We created a survey for staff members to have input and began scoring
03/09/2016	ILT/CIWP Members	Discuss highest school needs for the CIWP and focus on key priority areas
03/16/2016	ILT/CIWP Members	Focus on and develop key priority areas
03/23/2016	ILT/CIWP	Focus on and develop key priority areas
03/30/2016	ILT/CIWP	Focus on and develop key priority areas
04/06/2016	ILT/CIWP	Develop goals and strategies
04/13/2016	ILT/CIWP	Develop goals and strategies
04/27/2016	ILT/CIWP	Develop goals and strategies
05/04/2016	ILT/CIWP	Develop goals and strategies
05/11/2016	ILT/CIWP	Develop goals and strategies. Fund compliance and parent plan

School Excellence Framework

Culture of & Structure for Continuous Improvement   4 of 4 complete

Leadership & Collective Responsibility:

Leadership & Collective Responsibility is characterized by an unwavering commitment to fulfilling a shared vision of success. There is a clear focus and high expectations for staff and students, motivating the entire school community to continue striving for success for every student.

Score

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We are in the process of mastering skills associated with processes and practices, as well as honing in on inconsistencies experienced in the past and noted within the data and findings of the My Voice, My School Survey. Working with the new administration, we have addressed areas of deficiencies while utilizing our strengths as Educators.

Guide for Leadership & Collective Responsibility

- **Set the direction and create a sense of purpose by building consensus on and implementing a shared vision.**
  - Consider the demographics of the school community in developing a shared vision.
  - Help stakeholders understand the relationship between the school's vision and their initiatives and priorities.
  - Consistently use informal and formal opportunities to champion and articulate the vision.
  - Act in ways that consistently reflect the school's core values, beliefs, and priorities in order to establish trust.
  - Ensure the school's identity, vision, and mission drive school decisions.
- **Inspire a culture of collective responsibility for the success of ALL students in the whole school (not solely teacher's own students).**
- **Empower others to make or influence significant decisions.**
  - Build shared leadership structures and opportunities for job-embedded leadership training and development.
  - Capitalize on the leadership skills of others.
  - Constantly listen and synthesize what is heard, and learn from all sources.
- **Employ the skills to effectively manage change.**
  - Master skills associated with large-scale strategic planning processes and implementation of such plans.
  - Steer through the challenges associated with making improvements, both large and small.
- **Create and sustain a coherent instructional program (coordinated and consistent) with learning goals.**
- **Use the CPS Framework for Teaching to ground instructional guidance and coaching.**
  - Model ambitious goals for teaching and learning for all students, including priority groups.
  - Draw from the best available evidence to inform instructional improvement decisions.
- **Enable staff to focus and prioritize what matters most.**
  - Buffer staff from external distractions to the school's priorities and goals.
  - Limit school improvement goals to a few high leverage activities.
  - Prioritize teaching challenging content, engaging students in learning, rigor and ways to raise achievement.

Evidence, Measures, and Standards

EVIDENCE, MEASURES, AND STANDARDS	
Suggested Evidence	✓ School's vision, beliefs, and how it is shared (e.g. presentations to community, promotional materials) ✓ Five Essentials – Program Coherence
Measures	✓ Five Essentials
Five Essentials	Effective Leaders Collaborative Teachers
CPS Framework for Teaching	4d. Growing and Developing Professionally 4e. Demonstrating Professionalism
CPS Performance Standards for School Leaders	A1. Assesses the Current State of School Performance and Develops a CIWP A2. Implements Data Driven Decision Making and Data Driven Instruction A5. School Vision and Mission Drive Decision-Making D4. Demonstrates Change Management

Instructional Leadership Team:

The ILT is characterized by having a consistent structure for teacher leadership that is focused on creating and implementing the theories of action that improve teaching and learning. ILT meetings are a productive forum to identify challenges, collect and review evidence, exchange ideas, and propose and implement solutions to challenges to school improvement.

Score

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We have a collective, dedicated group from all departments and grade levels representative of our school. We meet regularly and utilize the recommended agendas and templates from the Knowledge Center. We assessed our group using ILT Effectiveness Rubric as well. From the agendas throughout the year, it is evident that we are moving forward with implementing the new strategies discussed during ILT meetings and grade level meetings..

Guide for Instructional Leadership Team

- **Engage in on-going inquiry (e.g. continuous improvement cycles) as a basis for improvement.**
  - Gain productive insight and take substantial new action or adjust strategy that clearly addresses root causes.
  - Relentlessly ask, "**Is it working?**" about every program, initiative, and strategy in the school.
  - Vet Initiatives and strategies on the basis of their direct or proven impact on outcomes.
  - Monitor if previous actions were implemented (fidelity) and working as intended. Ask, "**If not, why not?**"
- **Share leadership for improving teaching and learning with representative school members.**
  - Organize the team around a common understanding of team's purpose and instructional priorities.
  - Represent all relevant specialty content areas, programs, related services, and grade bands/department teams and is an appropriate size.
  - Represent a balance of work styles (e.g. task-oriented, provides push-back, synthesizes, etc.)

- **Use protocols and ask probing questions.**
    - Ask questions focused on factors within sphere of control and avoid a focus on student factors.
    - Use appropriate protocols and level of analysis (grade, school-wide, individuals) for meeting purpose.
    - Systematically consider root cause(s) based on thorough review of evidence.
- **Use timely and relevant data/evidence sources.**
    - Gather and use current and relevant local student, school, teacher performance (e.g. attendance data, assessment results), and operational data formatively to review and revise school and classroom practices as needed.
    - Disaggregate data for priority student groups (e.g. English learners, diverse learners).
- **Schedule and structure frequent meetings.**
    - Meet regularly (2-4 times per month).
    - Use an agenda with a clear focus.
- **Collaborate effectively, value transparency, and inform and engage stakeholders.**
    - All team members have equity of voice and are actively engaged in asking questions.
    - Celebrate small wins and improvements.
    - Regularly inform and engage stakeholders of key data and work of the ILT.
- **Build the capacity of teacher teams to lead cycles of learning and problem solving focused on student learning data and student work.**

Evidence, Measures, and Standards

EVIDENCE, MEASURES, AND STANDARDS	
Suggested Evidence	✓ ILT Effectiveness Rubric Score ✓ ILT artifacts (e.g. agenda, calendar, protocols, minutes) ✓ Evidence that work of ILT has contributed to positive outcomes for students and staff ✓ Teacher team agendas/minutes reflective of ILT focus
Measures	✓ Five Essentials: Instructional Leadership
Five Essentials	Effective Leaders Collaborative Teachers
CPS Framework for Teaching	4a. Reflecting on Teaching & Learning 4d. Growing and Developing Professionally 4e. Demonstrating Professionalism
CPS Performance Standards for School Leaders	A1. Assesses the Current State of School Performance and Develops a CIWP A2. Implements Data Driven Decision Making and Data Driven Instruction B5. Supports Teacher Teams

Professional Learning:

Professional Learning includes sufficient time, support, and 'safe practice' space to internalize new knowledge to change practice and beliefs. Adults persevere in collaboration with their colleagues to innovate and improve implementation of new practices.

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> We have room for growth, in terms of mentoring. We have room for growth in terms of allowing time for the sharing of learning experiences, exchanging of ideas, and peer observations. We need to clearly identify a professional development plan that addresses priorities based on the CIWP.

Guide for Professional Learning

- **Select and design professional learning (PL) to achieve school-wide improvement, including closing priority group achievement gaps.**
    - Use data to identify performance and practice gaps to inform PL plan.
    - Use research about best practices to identify potential learning and subject matter experts to support.
    - Solicit feedback from staff to inform selection of PL opportunities.
    - Provide PL relevant to the cultural and linguistic needs of students.
    - Provide both whole staff and differentiated PL to individual teacher levels.
- **Implement and sustain on-going, job-embedded professional learning (PL) (e.g. coaching, peer learning opportunities, action research)**
    - Recommend and/or provide PL opportunities directly related to individuals' specific areas of need and professional growth goals.
    - Encourage staff to broaden networks to bring new knowledge and resources to learning environment.
    - Teachers initiate opportunities for professional growth and proactively seek opportunities to enhance content knowledge and pedagogical skill.
- **Structure time for teachers to collaborate and learn together.**
    - Create schedules and systems to conduct peer observations, and coaching. Reflect on its impact.
    - Teachers provide and accept collegial support and feedback to/from colleagues.
    - Teachers participate in and facilitate professional inquiry in teams to advance student learning.
- **Make 'safe practice' an integral part of professional learning.**
    - Allow teachers ample time to try new strategies, refine skills, grapple with implementation problems, and share knowledge and experience.
    - Provide support that addresses the specific challenges of changing classroom practice. Provide coaching/mentoring support to validate continuing to work through struggles.
- **Monitor implementation to ensure staff uses new knowledge to improve practice and it is having the desired effect on practice and student outcomes.**

- Conduct frequent non-REACH observations to provide coaching and actionable feedback.
  - **Provide induction and support for new teachers.**
    - Assign each new teacher a mentor who is skilled in pedagogy and is an open, collaborative colleague.
    - Schedule a series of 'learning experiences' for new teachers that helps them navigate important initiatives (e.g. REACH) and provides information on school specific goals and resources.

Evidence, Measures, and Standards

EVIDENCE, MEASURES, AND STANDARDS	
Suggested Evidence	✓ School's PD Plan – review for goal alignment – does the plan advance the school's improvement agenda? ✓ PD agendas, PD feedback surveys ✓ Teacher practice improving on the Framework for Teaching (e.g. Basic>Proficient, Proficient>Distinguished)
Measures	✓ SQRP Attainment and Growth ✓ Five Essentials: Collaborative Teachers
Five Essentials	Effective Leaders Collaborative Teachers
CPS Framework for Teaching	4a. Reflecting on Teaching & Learning 4d. Growing and Developing Professionally 4e. Demonstrating Professionalism
CPS Performance Standards for School Leaders	B2. Observes and Evaluates Staff and Gives Feedback to Staff B6. Professional Development Provided for Staff

Aligned Resources:

Resources (e.g. time, budget, staff, and community resources) are aligned to school priorities. Improving achievement guides resource allocation. Making the most of student time and staffing is a priority. The school organizes resources school-wide through schedules and staffing plans that target additional time and individual attention to those students who need it most and to highest priority subject areas.

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Utilizing our funding to maximize student achievement, as well as addressing priority groups in need has been our focus for the school year. Based upon teachers' academic achievement and professional development, all students have access to high quality teachers teaching in a positive working climate that encourages personal growth and opportunities for collaboration. Both new math and science series were purchased this year in alignment with a researched-based curriculum in a means of improving student growth. Outside community involvement, such as the PTO, has contributed to the school's transformation to a school-community center.

Guide for Aligned Resources
- **Design a school day that is responsive to student needs.**
  - Use CPS Instructional Time Guidelines to maximize instructional time.
  - Use CPS Instructional Block Guidelines to maximize academic-engaged time.
- **Align the budget to the CIWP priorities and the mission of the school.**
  - Avoid overemphasis on the purchase of products/programs that are not research based or do not respond to SEF needs.
  - Leverage strategic source vendors to maximize dollars.
  - Seek and obtain grants to support articulated needs.
  - Use grant funds strategically to support areas of highest need.
  - Maximize the use of supplemental funding to close any priority group achievement gaps.
- **Streamline purchase procedures to minimize lapses between ordering and receiving materials.**
- **Evaluate, to the extent possible, the consequences for student learning of resource allocation decisions to develop an evidence base of outcomes of particular uses of resources.**
- **Have a 'hiring team' and collaborative hiring process with clear selection criteria to identify and select best available candidates.**
  - Actively work to build a pool of potential staff members, particularly difficult to fill positions (e.g. staff to serve English learners).
  - Use an interview process including a protocol for questioning and select highly qualified candidates.
  - Require a classroom lesson demonstration to assess candidate expertise, philosophy and commitment.
  - Check teachers' previous performance at CPS schools.
- **Strategically assign teachers to grade and content areas to create a balanced team with a variety of strengths.**
  - Ensure all students have fair access to high-quality teachers in the school.
- **Effectively utilize Related Service Providers at the classroom level.**
- **Use data including teacher evaluations and exit interviews to inform a retention strategy.**
  - Create a positive climate and working conditions for teaching that attracts and retains educator talent.
  - Create opportunities for growth including opportunities for staff to assume additional leadership roles or pursue personal growth goals.
  - Track retention rates over time and use this information to isolate staffing strengths and identify opportunities to improve.
  - Solicit information from staff using exit interviews/surveys to understand reasons for leaving school or district.
- **Make outreach efforts to engage community members as partners and resources.**
- **Partner with one or more organizations that share the values of the school and have a complementary mission to the school's vision.**
  - Monitor the impact of partner organizations' activity.

Evidence, Measures, and Standards

EVIDENCE, MEASURES, AND STANDARDS	
Suggested Evidence	✓ Schedules ✓ Teacher retention rates ✓ Staff exit interviews/surveys (data on reasons for leaving school or district) ✓ Candidate interview protocol documents ✓ List of community-based organizations that partner with the school and description of services ✓ Evidence of effectiveness of the services that community-based organizations provide ✓ Budget analysis and CIWP
Measures	✓ Five Essentials
Five Essentials	Effective Leaders Collaborative Teachers
CPS Framework for Teaching	4a. Reflecting on Teaching & Learning 4e. Demonstrating Professionalism
CPS Performance Standards for School Leaders	A3. Allocates Resources to Support Student Learning, Prioritizing Time B4. Hires and Retains Highly Effective Teachers

Curriculum:

The curriculum – what students should know and be able to do - makes standards come alive for students. All students have access to an academically rigorous curriculum that inspires students to think and contribute high quality work to authentic audiences beyond the classroom. The curriculum fully integrates academic and social emotional learning opportunities for all students, including diverse learners, English learners, and advanced learners. The school regularly examines the curriculum to check alignment to standards and opportunities for all students to meet those standards.

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> As a school, we are in the process of adjusting the method in which the curriculum is used in order to focus on supporting the students' strengths and weaknesses, and by focusing on more grouping strategies based on student needs in alignment with assessment data (NWEA, PARCC, etc.). Also, the curriculum has to be updated for literacy across all grades, science for grades K-5, and social studies for all grades.

Guide for Curriculum

- **Adhere to the CPS Content Frameworks (**Math (https://sites.google.com/a/cps.edu/kc/curriculum/content-area-subpages/library-science/cps-virtual-library/math-content-framework---virtual-library), Science (https://sites.google.com/a/cps.edu/kc/curriculum/content-area-subpages/science/cps-science-content-framework), Social Science (https://sites.google.com/a/cps.edu/kc/curriculum/content-area-subpages/social-science-1/social-science-content-framework-3-0), and Literacy (https://sites.google.com/a/cps.edu/kc/curriculum/content-area-subpages/literacy/cps-literacy-content-framework-2-0)) **to ensure alignment of scope and text and task complexity.**
  - Provide a range and depth to knowledge and understanding of learning experiences that are language and content rich.
- **Align units of instruction (horizontally/vertically) to scope and sequence maps and pace units and lessons appropriately.**
  - Focus so units can be adequately addressed in the time available.
  - Examine formative data to determine mastery and pace. Discuss how much time it takes to adequately address the essential elements, and the viability of documents that articulate essential content and timing of delivery (e.g. pacing guides, curriculum maps).
- **Utilize the 'big ideas' that should be taught to determine whether students are being taught the body of knowledge, the understandings and the skills expected.**
  - Identify the essential understandings – what students should learn in greater depth. In other words, know 'covering everything but learning nothing' does not work.
- **Expose and extend opportunities for all students to grade appropriate levels of text complexity in all types of texts, including informational in all content areas.**
  - Articulate language goals that are separate from and support content goals. Literacy - reading, writing and speaking are essential 'learning tools' across the curriculum (disciplinary literacy).
- **Engage all learners in content areas by fully integrating opportunities for all learners, including:**
  - Diverse learners to demonstrate core knowledge and skills.
  - English Learners to develop academic language to demonstrate mastery.
    - Use English and native language development in addition to content standards to differentiate for English learners.
    - Understand research and implement programs to develop native language literacy for English learners.
  - Advanced learners to extend core knowledge and skills.
- **Distinguish qualitatively and quantitatively between 'regular courses' and 'advanced courses' (e.g. AP (http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/home), gifted (https://docs.google.com/a/cps.edu/viewer?**

- Integrate academic and social emotional learning.
- **Reach outside of the classroom for real world (or simulated) application. For example,**
  - Incorporate web capabilities for interactivity and information sharing.
  - Integrate field-based learning through partnerships with city institutions (e.g. museums (https://sites.google.com/a/cps.edu/kc/home/teachers/museum-resources)), colleges, universities, and community based organizations.

Evidence, Measures, and Standards

EVIDENCE, MEASURES, AND STANDARDS	
Suggested Evidence	✓ Curriculum maps, vertical/horizontal ✓ Sequencing and pacing guides ✓ Thematic units which cover multiple disciplines ✓ Comprehensive unit plans including assessments
Measures	✓ SQRP Attainment and Growth
Five Essentials	Ambitious Instruction Effective Leaders Collaborative Teachers
CPS Framework for Teaching	3a. Communicating with Students 3c. Engaging Students in Learning 1a. Demonstrating knowledge of content and pedagogy 1d. Designing Coherent Instruction
CPS Performance Standards for School Leaders	B1. Implements Curricular Scope and Sequence and Reviews Instructional Practices C1. Creates a Culture that Supports Social Emotional Learning and Effective Effort

Instructional Materials:

Materials to present learning content and what the learner uses to demonstrate are characterized by variability and flexibility. Materials are identified and adapted to increase access to learning for all students. Materials include multimedia and embedded, just-in-time supports; varied tools and supports; alternative pathways, and varied levels of support and challenge. (adapted from UDL Guidelines 2.0)

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> Go Math is comprehensive throughout the school from grades K-8. New science materials were purchased for grades 6-8. Professional development was provided for teachers and parents. The curriculum provides multimedia support and differentiation for all learners - including Diverse Learners and English Language Learners (ELL). The Five Essentials survey rated a Supportive Environment as neutral (3/5) and Ambitious Instruction as strong (4/5). We are lacking in Language Arts, Science in K-5, Social Studies, and media skills instructional materials.

Guide for Instructional Materials

Instructional materials (including technology) are…..

- **Aligned to curricular plans and expectations of the standards.**
- **Varied and flexible.**
  - Are selected and adapted based on learning objectives and learner needs.
  - Include a variety of quality media, manipulatives and supplies to achieve valued learning outcomes.
- **Intentionally planned by identifying or adapting appropriate tools (including technology) for specific instructional needs.**
  - Student outcomes and developmental appropriateness determine when and who will use the materials.
  - Materials are updated/upgraded in response to new information and understandings.
- **Equitably available and accessible to all teachers and students.**
  - Teachers and students have available a variety of high quality, standards-aligned instructional materials and resources.
  - Materials are in English and native language for English learners.
  - Reference and resource materials are readily available and circulated throughout the school.
- **Include multimedia and embedded, just-in-time supports (e.g. hyperlinked glossaries, background information, and on-screen coaching) – for conveying conceptual knowledge.**
  - Students interact with instructional materials to engage all modalities in the learning process.
  - Technology is integral to students learning experiences.
  - Units and lessons include grade-appropriate levels of texts and other materials so every student can access the content/skills.
- **Include tools and supports needed to access, analyze, organize, synthesize, and demonstrate understanding in varied ways – for learning and expression of knowledge.**
  - The needs of the students at different performance levels are met by using a variety of instructional materials that allow students to draw on all of their learning capacities.
  - The teacher models effective use of various materials.
  - Students understand that materials are a means to acquire language, knowledge, and competencies.
  - Technology enhances students' higher order, creative thinking and problem solving.
  - Materials connect subject area content to real life applications.
- **Include alternative pathways including choice of content, varied levels of support and challenge, and options for recruiting and sustaining**

interest and motivation – for engaging and learning.
- Students make choices about instructional materials as part of learning.
- Materials address the needs of the total child: cognitive, linguistic, social, emotional, physical, and aesthetic.
- Consumables are often non-print supplies that promote active, hands-on learning.

Evidence, Measures, and Standards

EVIDENCE, MEASURES, AND STANDARDS	
Suggested Evidence	✓ Cross-section of materials from a variety of content areas and grade levels ✓ Evidence of scaffolding and differentiation for all students to access the content/skills ✓ Description of materials in curriculum and/or lesson plans ✓ Presence of varied texts, supplementary media (e.g. videos)
Measures	✓ SQRP Attainment and Growth
Five Essentials	Ambitious instruction Supportive Environment
CPS Framework for Teaching	1a. Demonstrating Knowledge of Content and Pedagogy 1b. Demonstrating Knowledge of Students 1c. Selecting Learning Objectives 1d. Designing Coherent Instruction
CPS Performance Standards for School Leaders	A3. Allocates Resources to Support Student Learning, Prioritizing Time

Rigorous Student Tasks:

The school regularly examines student work - what students are being asked to do on in their classrooms - across grades or courses in all content areas. Examining the texts and tasks students experience provides the necessary insight to gauge rigor and illuminate how the standards are actualized prompting the question whether or not approaches support the true spirit of college and career readiness. (adapted from The Education Trust – Equity in Motion Series)

Score

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> According to the SQRP, Attainment on NWEA was 4.5/5 and Growth was 3/5. The Five Essentials rated Ambitious Instruction as strong 4/5. According to the My School, My Voice, students rated teachers positively in English and Math instruction.

Guide for Rigorous Student Tasks

- **Begin with the belief that all students can learn. (see *Culture for Learning*)**
  - Convey high learning expectations for all students and develop structures that enable practice and perseverance for each individual student.
  - Create an environment where students assume responsibility for high-quality work by persevering, initiating improvements, addressing critiques, making revisions, adding detail and/or helping peers.
  - Communicate the necessity of attendance and engagement everyday in order to succeed.
- **Plan and assign tasks that are cognitively challenging for individual students and require students to provide evidence of their reasoning.**
  - Align tasks with standards-based learning objectives that reflect the depth of knowledge expectations.
  - Tasks are Integrative to draw on multiple standards.
  - Teach for Robust Understanding in Mathematics (TRU Math (https://sites.google.com/a/cps.edu/kc/curriculum/content-area-subpages/math/tru-math-dimensions/TRU%20Math%20-%20Conversation%20Guide%20(Short%20Version).pdf?attredirects=0&d=1)). Engage students with important mathematical ideas, not simply receiving knowledge, requiring students to engage in productive struggle.
- **Tasks reflect the key shifts in literacy.**
  - **Complexity**: Tasks reward close reading of complex text; Focus on comprehension of academic language, not obscure vocabulary.
  - **Evidence**: Cite evidence from text and write to sources, not decontextualized prompts.
  - **Knowledge (non-fiction)**: Tasks embed reading and writing across disciplines with a variety of literary and informational complex texts and tasks and demonstrate comprehension through speaking, listening.
- **Tasks reflect the key shifts in mathematics.**
  - **Focus**: Tasks reflect a curricular and instructional focus on the major work in (e.g. operational fluency and number sense in K-2).
  - **Coherence**: Multi-grade progressions stress key beginnings (e.g. ratios in 6th grade) and key end points (e.g. fluency with multiplication in 3rd);
  - **Rigor**: Problems require construction of mathematical reasoning and critiques of other possible solutions.
- **Provide opportunities for students to create authentic work for real audiences (beyond the teacher) to motivate them to meet standards and engage in critique and revision.**
- **Examine student work to identify and showcase the qualities of strategic thinking that are both rich in content and relevant for students.**
  - Analyze models with students to build a vision of quality.
  - Use protocols to collectively reflect regularly on the level of cognitive demand asked of students across the school, particularly priority group students, to think strategically as speakers, listeners, readers, and writers.
  - Analyze student work samples as part of professional learning to best support students' attainment of quality work and standards.

Evidence, Measures, and Standards

EVIDENCE, MEASURES, AND STANDARDS	
Suggested Evidence	✓ Cross-section of student work from a variety of content areas ✓ Observation of student learning (e.g. learning walks/walkthroughs) ✓ Focus group(s) and discussions with students
Measures	✓ SQRP Attainment and Growth
Five Essentials	Ambitious instruction
CPS Framework for Teaching	1d. Designing Coherent Instruction 2b. Establishing a Culture for Learning 3b. Using Questioning and Discussion Techniques 3c. Engaging Students in Learning
CPS Performance Standards for School Leaders	B1. Implements Curricular Scope and Sequence and Reviews Instructional Practices

Transitions, College & Career Access & Persistence:

Score

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The school creates pathways to success built on a vision in which all students leave secondary school with a clear plan for their initial postsecondary destination, whether in apprenticeship training, work, or college. All students have equal access to college preparatory curriculum to be successful. The school is characterized by structures for developing early postsecondary awareness and the knowledge and skills that lay the foundation for the academic rigor and social development necessary for college and career success. Students are equipped with the confidence in their ability to implement and adapt their plan throughout their lives as they and the world around them change. This vision sees students as the architects of their own lives.(adapted from Creating Pathways to Success, Ontario)

According to high school acceptance data reported by the counselor, most of the practices are evident based upon the number of students being accepted in selective enrollment high school year after year. In the future, our school is planning to utilize the Naviance online curriculum for 6th-8th grade students. We want to consider the service learning requirement for 8th grade students that was previously implemented at Prussing. We will recruit representatives from various high schools to come and talk to students, as well as continue the practice of high school shadow day. We plan to increase the number of 8th grade students that apply and are selected for selective enrollment and IB schools. Additionally, we will Implement a school-wide career day for all grades as a means of connecting that aspect of the Common Core State Standards school-wide.

Guide for Transitions, College & Career Access & Persistence

- ○ **TRANSITIONS - Have structures and processes in place to ensure successful transitions (e.g. into school , grade to grade, school to school, school to post-secondary).**
  - ▪ Mitigate the adverse effects experienced by some students in transition – such as arriving part-way through the school year – that can cause students to fall behind or become disengaged from school.
  - ▪ Monitor the progress of English learners after transition from services.
  - ▪ Provide programs and interventions that help students as they move from middle school through Freshmen year, including but not limited to: High School Investigation Days, Freshmen Connection program (where budget allows), and a robust Freshmen Orientation program. Implement targeted holistic student supports the entire Freshmen year.
  - ▪ Provide sustained summer learning experiences to minimize learning loss and support key transition periods (e.g. summers before Kindergarten, HS, and college).
    - ▪ Use student data and best practices research to develop focused programs.
    - ▪ Expand access beyond students who are struggling academically.
    - ▪ Provide school counseling and postsecondary advising transition support and follow-up during "Summer Melt" and the first year of college.
  - ▪ **AWARENESS - Expose students early to academic/professional worlds beyond K-12.**
    - ▪ Provide students opportunities to discover personal talents and skills, identify career interests, and pursue coursework/activities necessary to reach personal, academic and career goals.
    - ▪ Expose students to a range of career paths and the educational requirements of each to improve long-term planning and goal-setting.
    - ▪ Start the conversation about college in primary grades.
    - ▪ Make parents aware of academic opportunities and supports for their child.
  - ▪ **READINESS – Ensure equitable access to college preparatory curriculum.**
    - ▪ Provide access to 8th Grade Algebra to all eligible 8th grade students.
    - ▪ Provide access to early college and career coursework and credential opportunities while in HS (e.g. AP credit, Dual credit, industry credentials (CTE), Seal of Biliteracy)
    - ▪ Teach students to analyze their transcripts and test scores, as well as connect course selection, attendance, and grades to their continued success and access to postsecondary options, and adjust their actions and behavior to make progress toward graduation and their top postsecondary choice. Provide support and motivation to encourage B's or better and improving attendance.
    - ▪ Create opportunities for students to explore college and career knowledge, mindsets, and skills necessary for academic planning and goal setting.
    - ▪ Find opportunities to work with all students on academic and personal behaviors, including persistence, engagement, work habits/organization, communication/ collaboration, and self-regulation.
    - ▪ In Naviance, develop an Individual Learning Plan that tracks coursework, college and career assessments, goal setting, 6th-12th grade milestones completion that culminates in a concrete postsecondary plan.
  - ▪ **SUCCESS - Provide direct assistance to all students and families through every stage of the college selection, application, and entry process (Transition to College (HS))** including, but not limited to academic planning/advising to assist with:
    - ▪ Selecting colleges with the best institutional graduation rates for their level of qualifications. (Students of all qualification levels are more likely to graduate from college if they attend a postsecondary institution with high graduation rates

- Researching/comparing options including short and long-term financial outcomes, comparing college graduation rates, and other statistics to narrow down options.
- Researching living wage options such as an apprenticeship or certification programs for students who wish to work after high school and/or want to delay college.
- Applying to multiple colleges—generally three or more.
- Navigating financial aid and capitalizing on grant and scholarship opportunities.

Evidence, Measures, and Standards

EVIDENCE, MEASURES, AND STANDARDS

Suggested Evidence	✓ Data on college visits and college fair information ✓ Naviance Monthly Data ✓ Scholarships earned ✓ Artifacts, plans, or timelines related to successful transitions structures ✓ To & Through data
Measures	✓ College Enrollment, Persistence, Drop Out, and Attendance Rates ✓ Early College and Career Credentials
Five Essentials	Ambitious Instruction Supportive Environment
CPS Framework for Teaching	2b. Establishing a Culture for Learning
CPS Performance Standards for School Leaders	C1. Creates a Culture that Supports Social Emotional Learning and Effective Effort C2. Builds a culture of high aspirations and achievement for every student.

Expectations for depth & breadth of Quality Teaching

Instruction:

The teachers have finely honed instructional skills. They can shift from one approach to another as the situation demands by carefully monitoring the effect of their teaching on student learning. They seamlessly incorporate ideas and concepts from other parts of the curriculum into their explanations and activities. Their questions probe student thinking and serve to extend understanding. They promote the emergence of self-directed learners.

Score

1   2   **3**   4

> All teachers are highly qualified according to the NCLB; a majority of the staff hold Master's degrees, as well as various endorsements for specific content area,; and are National Board Certified. The teachers use NWEA assessment data to guide instruction. The staff discusses the assessment data during the flex professional development workshops, grade level team meetings, and co-teaching observations. The World Language and Fine Arts programs incorporate cross-curricular strands as a means of reinforcing classroom instruction while supporting Diverse Learners and the ELL student population.

Guide for Instruction

- **Plan a range of effective pedagogical approaches suitable to student learning of the content/skills taught and anticipate student misconceptions.**
- **Effectively communicate with students.**
  - Guide students to articulate the relevance of the objective(s) to learning.
  - Anticipate possible student misunderstanding.
  - Enable students to develop a conceptual understanding of content while making connections to their interests, knowledge, and experience.
  - Enable students to contribute to extending the content by explaining concepts to their classmates.
  - Build on students' language development and understanding of content.
  - Use vocabulary appropriately for students' ages and development. Students contribute to the correct use of academic vocabulary.
- **Use questioning and discussion as techniques to deepen student understanding and challenge.**
  - Use a variety of low- and high-level, open-ended, and developmentally appropriate questions to challenge students cognitively, advance high level thinking and discourse, and promote metacognition.
  - Use techniques that enable students to engage each other in authentic discussions about content. And, enable students to formulate their own questions and respectfully challenge one another using viable arguments based on evidence.
  - Encourage student responsibility for ensuring all voices are heard in the discourse and that all students are listening and responding to questions and answers from their teacher and peers.
  - Require students to cite textual evidence to support/develop a claim.
- **Engage students in learning.**
  - Scaffold instruction to ensure all students, including diverse learners and English Learners, access complex texts and engage in complex tasks.
  - Provide targeted supports to individual students or groups of students based on their identified needs.
  - Provide instruction designed to develop language domains for English learners.
- **Monitor the effect of teaching on student learning and integrate formative assessment into instruction.**
  - Monitor progress and check for understanding for individual students.
  - Change instructional practice based on analysis of current data.
  - Use universally designed assessments that allow for multiple pathways for students to demonstrate understanding of the objective(s.
  - Also see *Balanced Assessment*.

- **Persist in adjusting instruction so individual student misunderstandings or advanced needs are successfully accommodated.**
    - Intervene in a timely and effective way to help students who are struggling.
    - When formative assessments show a need for intervention or enrichment, make effective impromptu adjustments that individualize instruction.
    - Use progress monitoring data to trace effectiveness of interventions and student response to intervention.

Evidence, Measures, and Standards

EVIDENCE, MEASURES, AND STANDARDS	
Suggested Evidence	✓ Evidence of best practices (flexible grouping, cognitively demanding tasks, open-ended questions) ✓ Informational observations, peer observations, learning walks ✓ Lesson studies
Measures	✓ SQRP Attainment and Growth ✓ REACH observation trends (de-identified)
Five Essentials	Ambitious Instruction Effective Leaders Supportive Environment
CPS Framework for Teaching	3a. Communicating with Students 3b. Using Questioning and Discussion Techniques 3c. Engaging Students in Learning 3d. Using Assessment in Instruction 3e. Demonstrating Flexibility and Responsiveness
CPS Performance Standards for School Leaders	B1. Implements Curricular Scope and Sequence and Reviews Instructional Practices B2. Observes and Evaluates Staff and Gives Feedback to Staff

Multi-Tiered System of Support:

The school is characterized by full implementation a system of academic and social emotional (SEL) supports for all students. Every day, in all classrooms, all teachers provide: Universal instruction in the core curriculum - academic & SEL (Tier 1) to all students; additional targeted academic and SEL supports (Tier 2) where needed; and deep and intense supports (Tier 3) based on individual and small group needs. The school also monitors On Track data (grades/GPA and attendance (ES), and course credits (HS)) to provide interventions/supports for students at risk for failure and/or truancy.

Score

1   2   **3**   4

The school rated itself a 3 because, according to the SQRP, in addition to high attainment ratings in reading and mathematics, the NWEA MAP performance indicators for Diverse Learners for reading only rated better than 1% of the schools nationally.

Guide for Multi-Tiered System of Support

- **TIER 1 - Persist in adjusting instruction so individual student misunderstandings or advanced needs are successfully accommodated. (3e)**
    - Intervene in a timely and effective way to help students who are struggling.
    - When formative assessments show a need for intervention or enrichment, teachers make effective impromptu adjustments that individualize instruction for students.
    - Use progress monitoring data to trace effectiveness of interventions and student response to intervention.
- **TIER 1 - Customize the learning environment, pace, and approach of teaching and curriculum in order to meet each learners' individual needs ('Personalized Learning').**
    - Empower student to advance their learning.
    - Use up-to-date individual student profiles that include strengths, needs, motivations, and outlines an individualized path to reach his/her goals.
    - Classrooms are student-centered with student agency.
    - Each student has the opportunity to advance upon demonstrating mastery.
- **ON TRACK - Provide universal supports to prevent failing and absenteeism and targeted interventions for grades below "C" or chronic absenteeism. (On Track)**
    - Identify students off track due to low attendance and poor course performance and provide intensive supports to address root causes of why students have low grades and poor attendance.
- **TIER 2 & 3 - Collaborate and work as teams of teachers and Related Service Providers (RSP) to plan and monitor targeted student support with varied instructional strategies and SEL support of varying degrees of intensity for all students.**
    - Monitor students requiring and receiving targeted and intensive instruction/interventions.
    - Use the Problem Solving Process to plan Tier 2 and 3 instruction/interventions.
    - Determine appropriate interventions for students or groups of students not making adequate progress.
    - Use progress monitoring data to track effectiveness of interventions and student response to intervention.
- **TIER 2 & 3 – Implement Personal Learning Plans (PLP (https://sites.google.com/a/cps.edu/kc/curriculum/instructional-supports/school-year-supports---personal-learning-plans)) goals and intervention strategies for students requiring school year supports as described in Elementary School Promotion Policy (Board Report 09-1028-PO2).**
    - Ensure implementation of these plans, review subsequent 5 week data, determine the effectiveness of the strategies and adjust plans as needed.
- **Communicate to parents/guardians the additional supports and/or interventions provided for their child to better align school and home environments.**

Evidence, Measures, and Standards

EVIDENCE, MEASURES, AND STANDARDS

Suggested Evidence	✓ Evidence of multi-tiered system of supports (e.g. progress monitoring data, menu of available interventions in use, teacher team protocols in use) ✓ Evidence of Personal Learning Plan (PLP) implementation ✓ Integrated data system that informs instructional choices ✓ Flexible learning environments ✓ Use of student learning plans ✓ Use of competency-based assessments ✓ Use of personalized learning rubric ✓ Evidence of On Track monitoring and supports
Measures	✓ SQRP Attainment and Growth ✓ Attendance Rates ✓ Course success rates (e.g. grade distributions, pass/failure rates)
Five Essentials	Ambitious Instruction Collaborative Teachers Supportive Environment
CPS Framework for Teaching	1a. Demonstrating knowledge of content and pedagogy 1b. Demonstrating Knowledge of Students 1d. Designing Coherent Instruction 2d. Managing Student Behavior 3d. Using Assessment in Instruction 3e. Demonstrating Flexibility and Responsiveness 4b. Maintaining Accurate Records
CPS Performance Standards for School Leaders	B3. MTSS Implemented Effectively in School

Balanced Assessment & Grading:

A balanced assessment system effectively measures the depth and breadth of student learning and monitors student progress towards college and career readiness. It also produces actionable data to inform planning for instruction, academic supports, and resource allocation. To meet these goals, a balanced assessment system must include multiple measures and be responsive to the needs of all students, including diverse learners and English learners.

Score

1 **2** 3 4

> The school rated itself at a score of 2 due to inconsistencies with grading, assessments, and the weighting of grading categories across the school. In addition, a universal screener is needed at the primary level to assist with administering assessments such as DIBELS, NWEA MAP, etc. One-third of sixth grade students went to summer school last year. As noted by the NWEA data, most of the students attended summer school based on their classroom performance, not based upon their NWEA scores.

Guide for Balanced Assessment & Grading

- **Use multiple measures (i.e. a range of assessment types and at multiple points in time) to supplement district-centralized assessments with other formative assessments to provide a more comprehensive picture of student learning.**
- **Use screening, diagnostic, and progress monitoring assessment to correctly identify specific gaps and monitor improvement, especially for students receiving Tier 2 and 3 services, in addition to Tier 1 core instruction.** (also see *MTSS* and *Instruction*)
- **Make assessments accessible to students, including diverse learners and English Learners through employing features of** universal design (http://www.udlcenter.org/aboutudl/udlcurriculum) **and use of accommodations and, where needed, modifications.**
  - Provide accommodations in presentation (i.e. how assessment text and tasks are presented to students), response (i.e. how students provide their answers), and/or setting/timing (i.e. scheduling/location of assessment).
- **Utilize assessments that reflect the key shifts in literacy and mathematics in teacher created or selected assessments.** (see Rigorous Student Tasks)
- **Utilize assessments that measure the development of academic language for English learners.**
- **Have access to and analyze school-wide, teacher team, and classroom assessment data to determine instructional effectiveness and subsequent learning needs**
- **Improve and promote assessment literacy.**
  - Work together on building common assessments within a department, course, or grade level team.
  - Invest resources in helping teachers evaluate and improve the quality of formative assessments. For example, use the Assessment Design Toolkit (http://www.csai-online.org/spotlight/assessment-design-toolkit).
  - Use common protocols and calibrate on scoring and grading in teacher teams.
  - Analyze quality and alignment of assessments and tasks to ensure they meet the expectations of the standards and embed various levels of complexity.
- **Have a grading system that clearly, accurately, consistently, and fairly communicates learning progress and achievement to students, families, postsecondary institutions, and prospective employers.**
  - Ensure that students, families, teachers, counselors, advisors, and support specialists have the detailed information they need to make important decisions about a student's education.
  - Measure, report, and document student progress and proficiency:
    - Against a set of clearly defined cross-curricular and content-area standards and learning objectives collaboratively developed with staff.
    - Separately from work habits, character traits, and behaviors, so that educators, counselors, advisors, and support specialists can accurately determine the difference between learning needs and behavioral or work-habit needs. academic mindsets and behaviors (CCSR).
  - Ensure consistency and fairness in the assessment of learning, and assignment of scores and proficiency levels against the same learning standards,

across students, teachers, assessments, learning experiences, content areas, and time.
- Ensure grades are not used as a form of punishment, control, or compliance.

Evidence, Measures, and Standards

EVIDENCE, MEASURES, AND STANDARDS	
Suggested Evidence	✓ Examples of a variety of teacher created and teacher selected assessments ✓ Units and lesson plans with formative and summative assessments embedded in a long term plan ✓ Evidence of assessment data analysis for the purpose of planning ✓ Assessment calendar ✓ Examples of gradebooks ✓ School's grading policy ✓ Grade distribution reports (course success rates)
Measures	✓ SQRP Attainment and Growth
Five Essentials	Ambitious Instruction
CPS Framework for Teaching	1c. Selecting Learning Objectives 1e. Designing Student Assessment 3d. Using Assessment in Instruction 4a. Reflecting on Teaching & Learning 4b. Maintaining Accurate Records
CPS Performance Standards for School Leaders	B1. Implements Curricular Scope and Sequence and Reviews Instructional Practices

Culture for Learning:

Score

1   2   **3**   4

A culture for learning is characterized by a school atmosphere that reflects the educational importance of the work undertaken by both students and staff. It describes the norms that govern the interactions among individuals about the mindsets (e.g. ability/confidence to grow with effort), academic behaviors (e.g. attending classes, completing assignments), the learning strategies and skills, the value of perseverance despite challenges and obstacles, and the general tone of the school. The classroom is characterized by high cognitive energy, by a sense that what is happening there is important, and that it is essential to "get it right." There are high expectations for all students. The classroom is a place where teachers and students value learning and hard work, and students take visible delight in accomplishing their work. Staff believe they can make a difference, that their hard work is the fundamental cause of student achievement, and are invested in student outcomes.

> Teachers will develop student goals, including NWEA and personal goals, to stress the importance of learning. Teachers will develop rigorous student tasks that reflect the Common Core State Standards and the educational philosophy of our school. Formative assessment is embedded throughout learning events, which leads to the learner assuming responsibility for his or her learning.
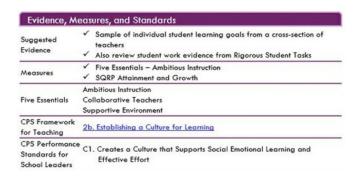
Guide for Culture for Learning

- **Create a culture that reflects a shared belief in the importance of learning and hard work.**
  - Use strategies to reinforce and cultivate student curiosity.
  - Make learning goals relevant to students, and inspire students to stay committed to their learning goals.
  - Consistently communicate the expectation that all students can achieve at high levels.
  - Utilize strategies to encourage daily and timely attendance.
- **Convey high learning expectations for all students and develop structures that enable practice and perseverance for each individual student.**
  - Clearly display school-wide expectations for academic and personal success throughout the building.
  - Set high expectations according to grade-appropriate learning objectives.
  - Differentiate expectations so all students stretch to not only meet but exceed personal learning goals.
  - Recognize high levels of student achievement. All students receive recognition.
  - Encourage student resilience and hard work.
  - Ensure students feel safe to share misunderstandings and struggles.
- **Encourage students to take ownership and pride in their work where students assume responsibility for high-quality work by persevering, initiating improvements, addressing critiques, making revisions, adding detail and/or helping peers.**
  - Students self-assess (e.g. checking own work before giving to teacher) to develop a reflective habit of mind essential for improvement. This ensures students take responsibility for their own learning, focuses attention on criteria for success, and increases effort and persistence.
- **Provide students frequent, informative feedback.**
  - Tell/show students what they have done well (through positive reinforcement) and what they need to do to improve, including clarifying criteria and goals.
  - Give feedback on the task, the processes used to complete the task, and on the student's ability to self-regulate their own learning.

- **Develop academic mindsets and behaviors.**
  - Teach a growth mindset that over time with effort and practice, students can learn and succeed.
  - Encourage students' sense of belonging to the school and classroom community (see Relational Trust).
  - Employ strategies including ongoing monitoring and support of students' academic behaviors.
  - Praise effort and process. For example, "Good job, that must have taken a lot of effort" instead of, "Good job. You must be really smart."

Evidence, Measures, and Standards

Evidence, Measures, and Standards	
Suggested Evidence	✓ Sample of individual student learning goals from a cross-section of teachers ✓ Also review student work evidence from Rigorous Student Tasks
Measures	✓ Five Essentials – Ambitious Instruction ✓ SQRP Attainment and Growth
Five Essentials	Ambitious Instruction Collaborative Teachers Supportive Environment
CPS Framework for Teaching	2b. Establishing a Culture for Learning
CPS Performance Standards for School Leaders	C1. Creates a Culture that Supports Social Emotional Learning and Effective Effort

Relational Trust:

The school is characterized by high levels of relational trust between all school participants - the "glue" or the essential element that coordinates and supports the processes essential to effective school improvement. Interactions, both between the teacher and students and among students, are highly respectful, reflecting genuine warmth and caring. Students contribute to high levels of civility. Interactions are sensitive to students as individuals, appropriate to the ages and development of individual students, and to the context of the class. The net result of interactions is that of academic and personal connections among students and adults.

Score

1 2 **3** 4

> While we have a culture of respect among staff and students including, but limited to, differences in culture and academic ability, after a review of the 5 Essentials Report, we acknowledge the need to create more opportunities for mentorship (including mentors among students, whether younger and older students, students to staff, and staff to staff.

Guide for Relational Trust

- **Develop trusting relationships with students so each student has at least one trusted adult in the school.**
  - Adults are responsible for occasional check-ins or serve as mentors.
- **Adult-student interactions are positive, caring, and respectful.**
  - Ensure a greater proportion of interactions are positive (as opposed to corrective) between staff and student consistently school-wide.
- **Student interactions are mutually supportive and respectful, with strong norms for positive behavior.**
  - Create opportunities for students to build positive relationships with peers.
  - Create opportunities for older students to mentor younger students.
- **Understand diversity and its impact on student learning; recognize and integrate the learning opportunities that come from a diverse community.**
  - Create opportunities for students to learn about the community they serve (e.g. culture and neighborhoods).
  - Have mutual respect for individual differences (e.g. gender, race, culture, etc.) at all levels of the school—student-student; adult-student; adult-adult and overall norms for tolerance.
  - Provide training to engage diverse families and communities.
- **Support and respect one another, personally and professionally (Teacher-Teacher Trust, Teacher-Principal Trust)**
  - Respect other teachers who take the lead in school improvement efforts.
  - Respect colleagues who are experts at their craft.
  - Exchanges are marked by genuinely listening to what each person has to say and by taking these views into account in subsequent actions. Even when people disagree, individuals can still feel valued if others respect their opinions.
  - Personal regard springs from a collective willingness to extend beyond the formal requirements of a job definition or a union contract (e.g. openness or reaching out to others).
- **Utilize relationships as a means of deterring truant behavior brought on by unspoken hurdles a child may be facing.**

Evidence, Measures, and Standards

Suggested Evidence	✓ Five Essentials/My Voice, My School Survey ✓ School Climate Standards Self-Assessment
Measures	✓ Five Essentials
Five Essentials	Collaborative Teachers Supportive Environment
CPS Framework for Teaching	1b. Demonstrating Knowledge of Students 2a. Creating an Environment of Respect and Rapport
CPS Performance Standards for School Leaders	D2. Creates, develops and sustains relationships that result in active student engagement in the learning process E1. Creates a Culturally Responsiveness Climate

Student Voice, Engagement, & Civic Life:

Students are interested and engaged in learning, invested in their school, and contributing to their community. The school provides early and ongoing exposure to a wide range of extracurricular activities and rigorous courses and programming.

Score

1 2 **3** 4

> Most classrooms consistently provide for many students to express their personal voice as noted in the My Voice, My School Survey. According to the My Voice, My School survey, most students feel that they contribute to their classroom community and connect with peers and enjoy participating in a wide range of extra curricular activities.

Guide for Student Voice, Engagement, & Civic Life

Students…

- **Have equitable access to a wide range of extracurricular and enrichment opportunities that build leadership, nurture talents and interests, and increase attendance and engagement with the school.**
  - Student needs, interest, and input are solicited for student programming.
  - Impact and quality of extracurricular and enrichment activities are measured regularly.
- **Have equitable access to rigorous courses/programming (e.g. AP, IB, magnet, dual credit, CTE).**
  - Student needs, interest, and input are solicited for student programming.
- **Have a choice.**
  - Respectful student questioning and inquiry is embraced. Students choose issues of concern, research topics relevant to their lives, and develop their own plans to address them.
  - Learning activities are personalized to match students' needs and interests, and students are involved in decisions that affect their learning.
- **Have a voice and take informed action.**
  - Students are included in key conversations about their learning experience and work with the principal and staff to identify issues and implement solutions. (e.g. student voice committee).
  - Students initiate and lead some school improvement initiatives.
  - Students participate in democratic decision-making at the school level.
  - Students identify and research issues of relevance and work together to propose/advocate for solutions.
- **Connect to decision-makers.**
  - Students learn about the structures and roles of government and civil society. They learn how to engage with elected officials and decision makers, and learn they have power and practice using it.
  - Students learn about issues and candidates, prepare voter education materials and get involved.
  - All eligible students are asked to register to vote.
- **Make positive contributions to the school and community.**
  - Civic engagement is the project of entire school. Teachers and school staff collaborate across disciplines and grade levels to align and embed civic skills and content in curriculum.
  - Curriculum based projects, including service learning experiences, are present in various disciplines, and link students to community resources and partners.
  - Incorporate writing for audience beyond the teacher (presentation based learning).
- **Learn to evaluate and consider multiple viewpoints by discussing current and controversial topics.**
- **Consider how people in a democratic society effect change.**
- **Consider their roles and responsibilities as a member of the community.**
- **In high school, students are enrolled in Civics courses.**

Evidence, Measures, and Standards

Evidence, Measures, and Standards

Suggested Evidence	✓ Extracurricular offering info (e.g. descriptions of sports and clubs, list of partner organizations, participation data) ✓ Student interest surveys (and/or other avenue for student input) ✓ Policies regarding student engagement in decision making ✓ Student government or committee charter and responsibilities ✓ MVMS Student Survey completion rates and results
Measures	✓ Five Essentials – Supportive Environment
Five Essentials	Supportive Environment
CPS Framework for Teaching	1b. Demonstrating Knowledge of Students 2a. Creating an Environment of Respect and Rapport 3c. Engaging Students in Learning
CPS Performance Standards for School Leaders	D3. Utilizes Feedback from Multiple Stakeholders for School Improvement
Content Standards	Social Science 3.0 Social Emotional Learning Standards

Safety & Order:

The school is characterized by high levels of safety and order. Students feel physically and emotionally safe from harm, and adults work to actively maintain a safe, orderly school environment.

Score

1   2   3   **4**

> Parents scored a 4 because they feel safe at school, especially after the evacuation that the school experienced. Question 5 on the My Voice, My School survey suggestion: teachers need to improve how to support students with misbehavior.

Guide for Safety & Order

- **Ensure students and adults feel physically, socially, intellectually, and emotionally safe throughout the school.**
- **Provide clear procedures for reporting and responding to safety concerns.**
- **Manage efficient and orderly transitions between activities.**
  - Manage classroom routines and procedures to maximize instructional time.
  - Orchestrate the environment so students contribute to the management of classroom routines (e.g. transitions) without disruption of learning.
  - Arrival, dismissal, and other school-wide transitions are safe, efficient, and orderly.
- **Provide a framework for positive behavior throughout the school based on shared values and expectations.**
  - Have shared expectations for positive behavior. (See Restorative Approaches to Discipline)
- **Teach, model, and reinforce (by all staff members) clear behavior expectations for all areas of the school.**
  - All adults use active supervision (move, scan, and interact) in all settings.
- **Emphasize proactive, instructive, and restorative approaches to student behavior and minimize punitive consequences through policies and procedures. (See Restorative Approaches to Discipline)**
  - Adults correct misbehavior in ways that reinforce established expectations and cause minimal disruption to learning.
- **Clarify criteria for office referrals versus classroom managed behavior.**

Evidence, Measures, and Standards

EVIDENCE, MEASURES, AND STANDARDS	
Suggested Evidence	✓ MVMS score – "Safety" ✓ % of teachers proficient or distinguished in 2c (Management of Transitions) on the Framework for Teaching? ✓ Examples of teacher practice improving in Domain 2 of the Framework for Teaching. ✓ School Climate Standards Rubric/Assessment
Measures	✓ Five Essentials – Supportive Environment score ✓ My Voice, My School Survey "Safety" score
Five Essentials	Supportive Environment
CPS Framework for Teaching	2a. Creating an Environment of Respect and Rapport 2c. Managing Classroom Procedures 2d. Managing Student Behavior
CPS Performance Standards for School Leaders	A4. Creates a Safe, Clean and Orderly Learning Environment

Restorative Approaches to Discipline:

The school is characterized by having and implementing policies and procedures that emphasize proactive, instructive, and restorative approaches minimizing punitive consequences. Discipline practices primarily focus on shaping behavior as opposed to punishing behavior. The school only uses out-of-school suspension as a last resort and utilizes a systems-change approach to bring about a more restorative culture. The school is also characterized by strong and consistent school and classroom climates. The

Score

1   **2**   3   4

school reinforces positive behaviors and responds to misbehaviors in calm, respectful, and thoughtful ways, teaching students important social and emotional skills that enable them to get along with others, make responsible decisions, and focus on learning. When misbehavior occurs, the school seeks to understand the underlying reasons (root cause) in order to design a response that effectively changes student behavior using a menu of instructive, corrective and restorative responses.

> The school uses a variety of programs (e.g. PBIS, PAWS, and Classroom Dojo) to implement a consistent disciplinary code for the students of the school where only 6.1% of the student population have received disciplinary referrals during the school year. The teachers incorporate proactive and restorative approaches in their classrooms to address each student's needs. A portion of the 6.1% of the students that have received disciplinary referrals have received multiple disciplinary consequences and would benefit from a social/emotional curriculum and restorative practices across grade levels.

Guide for Restorative Approaches to Discipline

- **PROACTIVE - Reinforce positive student behavior with clear expectations, routines, and procedures.**
  - A team meets regularly to organize systems that support a restorative environment.
  - Post and refer to clear, positively stated expectations and model expected behaviors.
  - Create routines and procedures central to the learning environment.
  - Engage families as partners.
  - Contact families frequently to inform them of positive student behavior and progress.
  - Vary acknowledgements and provide both short and long term opportunities for reinforcement for all students.
- **INSTRUCTIVE - Integrate universal SEL skills instruction and core content.**
  - Intentionally teach competencies outlined in SEL Standards. Use discipline as opportunity to teach these skills.
  - Use a Multi-tiered System of Supports (MTSS) for social, emotional, and behavioral growth.
    - Use data to determine which behaviors should be retaught or more heavily reinforced.
  - Explicitly teach expected behavior and positively reinforce consistently school-wide.
  - Avoid power struggles with students by offering choices. Redirect students privately and respectfully.
- **RESTORATIVE - Employ a continuum of responses to behavior to effectively change student behavior.**
  - Ensure classroom instruction continues when problem behavior occurs.
  - Prefer responses that do not remove students from regular instructional setting or after school activities.
  - Respond to behavior to address the cause, reteach expectations, build social emotional skills, and repair relationships with staff or peers.
  - Designate an administrator, such as a dean or restorative practices coordinator, responsible for leading centrally-managed response to behaviors using consistent, restorative procedures.
  - Support teachers to engage in restorative conversations or respond to behavior incidents.
  - Provide opportunities for students to take responsibility for repairing harm caused by their actions.
  - Assign detention and ISS only for students who have a pattern of misbehavior and have not responded to non-exclusionary interventions, or when separation is a logical response to the behavior.
    - Include specific interventions to address social and emotional skill development, communicate with teachers to repair relationships, maintain classroom work, and connect to behavioral intervention services as necessary.
    - Establish a clear procedure for obtaining assignments from teachers to mitigate the impact of lost instruction for students assigned to ISS.
    - Designate space and consistent staff to support implementation of ISS.
  - (Optional) Develop a Behavioral Health Team to coordinate appropriate behavioral interventions.

Evidence, Measures, and Standards

EVIDENCE, MEASURES, AND STANDARDS	
Suggested Evidence	✓ Misconduct data (Dashboard) ✓ My Voice, My School survey responses
Measures	✓ Five Essentials – Supportive Environment
Five Essentials	Supportive Environment
CPS Framework for Teaching	2a. Creating an Environment of Respect and Rapport 2d. Managing Student Behavior 4c. Communicating with Families
CPS Performance Standards for School Leaders	C3. Staff/Student Behavior Aligned to Mission and Vision of School
Content Standards	Social Emotional Learning Standards

Parent Partnership:

The school develops strong parent partnerships characterized by involving parents in the instructional program, messaging expectations, fostering a better connection between the school and home, and inspiring participation and high levels of collaboration with families. The school provides opportunities for families to volunteer, build its parent community, and support the school's operations through activities including but not limited to participation on parent councils (e.g. PACs, BACs and PLNs). There are high levels of communication between schools and families is mutual and two-way. Families have a way to voice concerns and schools address and respond to input.

Score

1   2   **3**   4

Teachers promote school-wide events on their classroom links and parents have the opportunity to look at the teacher's link and also the school-wide website. The school translates parent letters into three languages (Spanish, Arabic, Polish) and hosts a series of monthly workshops to actively build relationships and strengthen partnerships.

Guide for Parent Partnership

- **Establish a non-threatening, welcoming environment that is warm, inviting, and helpful.**
- **Provide frequent, high quality, well publicized opportunities for families and community to participate in authentic and engaging activities in the school community (e.g. student performances/ exhibitions, literacy or math events).**
- **Provide multiple opportunities for parents to ask questions, raise concerns, and give feedback.**
  - Respond to families' concerns and requests for information professionally and in a timely manner, providing resources and solutions to address the concerns.
- **Solicit the support and engagement of families as partners in the instructional program (e.g. volunteering, working at home with their child, involvement in class and school projects in and out of school, and parent workshops).**
  - Host events for parents to share with other parents how home and school complement each other.
  - Share best practices around learning and development with parents to support students at home.
  - Inform parents of grade level standards and expectations and grading policies with a clear description of what meeting the standard looks like.
  - Inform parents of attendance expectations and the impact of attendance on a student's trajectory.
  - Assist parents to volunteer in the school and/or participate on teams/committees.
  - Promote the use of **Parent Portal** and **Parent University** to connect and engage parents with school.
- **Frequently communicate with families about class and individual activities and individual student's progress.**
  - Regularly inform parents of their child's progress across all relevant measures: attendance, discipline, academics, social-emotional learning, and health and wellness.
  - Send regular, positive, personalized communication from a staff member.
  - Use a variety of consistent communication methods (e.g. calls, text, newsletter, website, face to face) sensitive to cultural norms and needs.
- **Conduct intensive outreach to families in need of specialized support through home visits and collaboration with social services agencies.**
  - School responses to student excessive absences and/or tardiness includes outreach to families.
- **Provide proactive communication (e.g. parent handbook and resources).**
- **Partner equitably with parents speaking languages other than English.**
  - Information is provided to parents in their native language.
  - Parent meetings scheduled with interpreters present to facilitate participation.

Evidence, Measures, and Standards

EVIDENCE, MEASURES, AND STANDARDS

Suggested Evidence	✓ Examples of communication methods and content ✓ Participation rates for Parent University, events, parent council(s), report card pick-up, survey completion, Parent Portal, etc. ✓ Outreach efforts ✓ Documentation of responsiveness to Parent Support Center concerns raised ✓ Event agendas, flyers ✓ Fundraising activities and amounts (if applicable) ✓ How does the school honor and reflect the diversity of families including language and culture?
Measures	✓ Five Essentials Score – Involved Families ✓ My Voice, My School Survey scores – outreach to parents; parent-teacher trust
Five Essentials	Involved Families
CPS Framework for Teaching	2c. Managing Classroom Procedures 4c. Communicating with Families
CPS Performance Standards for School Leaders	D1. Engages Families

School Excellence Framework Priorities

Score	Framework dimension and category	Area of focus ⊘= Not of focus
2	Culture of & Structure for Continuous Improvement: Leadership & Collective Responsibility	1 2 3 4 5 ⊘
2	Culture of & Structure for Continuous Improvement: Professional Learning	1 2 3 4 5 ⊘

		1	2	3	4	5	⊘

2   Expectations for depth & breadth of Quality Teaching: Balanced Assessment & Grading   [1] [2] **[3]** [4] [5] [⊘]

2   Expectations for depth & breadth of Student Learning: Instructional Materials   [1] **[2]** [3] [4] [5] [⊘]

2   Expectations for Quality & Character of School Life: Restorative Approaches to Discipline   [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] **[⊘]**

3   Culture of & Structure for Continuous Improvement: Aligned Resources   [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] **[⊘]**

3   Culture of & Structure for Continuous Improvement: Instructional Leadership Team   [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] **[⊘]**

3   Expectations for depth & breadth of Quality Teaching: Instruction   [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] **[⊘]**

3   Expectations for depth & breadth of Quality Teaching: Multi-Tiered System of Support   [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] **[⊘]**

3   Expectations for depth & breadth of Student Learning: Curriculum   **[1]** [2] [3] [4] [5] [⊘]

3   Expectations for depth & breadth of Student Learning: Rigorous Student Tasks   [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] **[⊘]**

3   Expectations for depth & breadth of Student Learning: Transitions, College & Career Access & Persistence   [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] **[⊘]**

3   Expectations for Quality & Character of School Life: Culture for Learning   [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] **[⊘]**

3   Expectations for Quality & Character of School Life: Parent Partnership   [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] **[⊘]**

3   Expectations for Quality & Character of School Life: Relational Trust   [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] **[⊘]**

3   Expectations for Quality & Character of School Life: Student Voice, Engagement, & Civic Life   [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] **[⊘]**

4   Expectations for Quality & Character of School Life: Safety & Order   [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] **[⊘]**

Goals

Required metrics (Elementary)   16 of 18 complete

	2014-2015 Actual	2015-2016 Actual	2016-2017 Goal	2017-2018 Goal
National School Growth Percentile - Reading				
The Instructional Leadership Team and PPLC will work with the principal to invest in a new balanced literacy program that includes supports for the learning needs of English Language and Diverse Learners. Prussing will focus on Unit Planning across the school to align Literacy content with the CCSS between and among grade levels.	85.00	69.00	86.00	88.00
National School Growth Percentile - Math				
Because we have revamped the math curriculum and purchased a new series that serves students in grades K-8, we are focused on increasing math performance. The new program is better at addressing needs of English Language Learner and Diverse Learner students. The math teachers have been attending math teacher leader programs. Strategies have been shared at grade level team meetings and professional development meetings.	45.00	52.00	53.00	55.00
% of Students Meeting/Exceeding National Ave Growth Norms				

The Instructional Leadership Team and PPLC will work with the principal to invest in a new balanced literacy program that includes supports for the learning needs of English Language and Diverse Learners. Prussing will focus on Unit Planning across the school to align Literacy content with the CCSS between and among grade levels.	51.30	(Blank)	53.00	55.00

African-American Growth Percentile - Reading

The Instructional Leadership Team and PPLC will work with the principal to invest in a new balanced literacy program that includes supports for the learning needs of English Language and Diverse Learners. Prussing will focus on Unit Planning across the school to align Literacy content with the CCSS between and among grade levels. This will support the learning needs of African-American students.	(Blank)	(Blank)	(Blank)	(Blank)

Hispanic Growth Percentile - Reading

The Instructional Leadership Team and PPLC will work with the principal to invest in a new balanced literacy program that includes supports for the learning needs of English Language and Diverse Learners. Prussing will focus on Unit Planning across the school to align Literacy content with the CCSS between and among grade levels. This will support the learning needs of Hispanic students.	69.00	55.00	70.00	71.00

English Learner Growth Percentile - Reading

Our Bilingual Leadership Team will provide school teams with support in understanding and implementing the WIDA standards. Teacher teams will engage in professional development focused on developing objectives, data analysis, and differentiated instruction.	(Blank)	45.00	47.00	50.00

Diverse Learner Growth Percentile - Reading

The Instructional Leadership Team and PPLC will work with the principal to invest in a new balanced literacy program that includes supports for the learning needs of Diverse Learners. Prussing will focus on Unit Planning across the school to align Literacy content with the CCSS between and among grade levels. Diverse Learner schedules will be monitored to ensure the delivery of instructional minutes.	5.00	1.00	7.00	10.00

African-American Growth Percentile - Math

Because we have revamped the math curriculum and purchased a new series that serves students in grades K-8, we are focused on increasing math performance. The new program is better at addressing needs of English Language Learner and Diverse Learner students. The math teachers have been attending math teacher leader programs. Strategies have been shared at grade level team meetings and professional development meetings. This new math curriculum will support the learning needs of African-American students.	(Blank)	(Blank)	(Blank)	(Blank)

Hispanic Growth Percentile - Math

Because we have revamped the math curriculum and purchased a new series that serves students in grades K-8, we predict that math scores will increase. The new program is better at addressing needs of ELL students. More teachers have earned their ELL teacher endorsement. Math teachers have been attending math teacher leader programs. Strategies have been shared at grade level team and professional development meetings.	27.00	52.00	54.00	56.00

English Learner Growth Percentile - Math

Because the school has revamped the math curriculum and purchased a new series that serves students in grades K-8, we predict that math scores will increase. The new program is better at addressing the needs of ELL students. More teachers have earned their ELL teacher endorsement. Math teachers have been attending math teacher leader programs. Strategies have been shared at grade level team and professional development meetings.	(Blank)	44.00	46.00	48.00

Diverse Learner Growth Percentile - Math

Because we have revamped the math curriculum and purchased a new series that serves students in grades K-8, we are focused on improving math performance. The new program is better at addressing the needs of ELL students. More teachers have earned their ELL teacher endorsement. Math teachers have been attending math teacher leader programs. Strategies have been shared at grade level team and professional development meetings.	1.00	7.00	9.00	11.00

National School Attainment Percentile - Reading (Grades 3-8)

The Instructional Leadership Team and PPLC will work with the principal to invest in a new balanced literacy program that includes supports for the learning needs of English Language and Diverse Learners. Prussing will focus on Unit Planning across the school to align Literacy content with the CCSS between and among grade levels.	84.00	83.00	84.00	85.00

National School Attainment Percentile - Math (Grades 3-8)

Because we have revamped the math curriculum and purchased a new series that serves students in grades K-8, we predict that math attainment scores will increase over time. The new program is closely tied to CCSS and offers more rigorous problem solving. Math teachers have been attending math teacher leader programs. Strategies have been shared at grade level team and professional development meetings. We have included MTSS in our math periods.	88.00	86.00	86.50	87.00

National School Attainment Percentile - Reading (Grade 2)

The Instructional Leadership Team and PPLC will work with the principal to invest in a new balanced literacy program that includes supports for the learning needs of English Language and Diverse Learners. Prussing will focus on Unit Planning across the school to align Literacy content with the CCSS between and among grade levels.	93.00	93.00	94.00	95.00

National School Attainment Percentile - Math (Grade 2)

Because we have revamped the math curriculum and purchased a new series that serves students in grades K-8, we predict that math attainment scores will increase over time. The new program is closely tied to CCSS and offers more rigorous problem solving. The curriculum is more challenging than the previous math curriculum and will push students to meet higher goals. There is more ability to differentiate in the new program. Math teachers have been attending math teacher leader programs. Strategies have been shared at grade level team and professional development meetings.	89.00	96.00	96.50	97.00

% of Students Making Sufficient Annual Progress on ACCESS

More bilingual students from different backgrounds come to our school, and some have low literacy levels. We have bilingual after school programs to support our students. The number of teachers with ESL endorsements has increased. More teachers are interested in obtaining their bilingual certificate. Our new math curriculum has support for our bilingual students. Teachers are implementing the WIDA Standards and include both language and content objectives.	45.70	45.10	47.00	49.00

Average Daily Attendance Rate

Develop an attendance committee that will meet bi-weekly in order to address students at risk. Put into place strategies to improve attendance and truancy rates across all tiers.	94.80	95.50	96.00	97.00

My Voice, My School 5 Essentials Survey

The school has moved from Partially Organized to Moderately Organized. Our goal is to move to being in the Organized category over the next two years. We have increased response rates for parents, students, and teachers. Student response rates for the 2016 My Voice, My School Survey increased to 97.5%. For teachers, the 2016 My Voice, My School Survey increased to 95.7%.	(Blank)	(Blank)	(Blank)	(Blank)

Custom metrics   0 of 0 complete

	2014-2015 Actual	2015-2016 Actual	2016-2017 Goal	2017-2018 Goal

Strategies

Strategy 1

If we do...	...then we see...	...which leads to...
Align literacy materials horizontally and	a progression of learning built upon the	Increased Program Coherence Rating of

vertically according to the CPS Content Framework/scope and sequence in grades K-8 with language and technology supports.

previous grades which supports all students including Diverse Learners and ELL students, and

a curriculum that provides all learners with the opportunity to connect to and engage with the text. Students will understand the content be more likely to interact with peers.

"Strong" with a score of at least 60 on the Five Essentials Full Report along with increased literacy scores on the NWEA.

Tags:
Literacy/Reading, Core Instruction, Technology, Diverse Learners, English Learners, ILT, Curriculum, Materials, World language, Gifted, Instruction planning

Area(s) of focus:
2, 1

Action step ❓	Responsible ❓	Timeframe ❓	Evidence for status ❓	Status
Create a literacy scope and sequence using the CPS Literacy Content Framework	ILT, PPLC, Grade Level Teams	Jun 27, 2016 to Jun 30, 2017	Completed literacy scope and sequence plan.	Not started

Literacy/Reading, Core Instruction, Diverse Learners, English Learners, Curriculum Design, Materials

Provide support at each grade level to incorporate language objectives into curriculum mapping.	Bilingual Committee	Jun 27, 2016 to Jun 30, 2017	Integrated literacy curriculum maps and materials	Not started

Literacy/Reading, Diverse Learners, English Learners, Bilingual

Shared resource "library" (virtual and real) for instructional materials including mentor texts, bilingual and ELL resources with technology resources.	PPLC	May 16, 2016 to Jun 30, 2017	A completed shared resource library aligned to the scope and sequence with supporting technology devices.	On-Track

Literacy/Reading, Core Instruction, Technology, Diverse Learners, English Learners, ILT, Curriculum, Materials

Provide teachers with the Literacy Content Framework and professional development for curriculum mapping and unit planning using the Framework	ILT and Teacher Literacy Teams	Jun 27, 2016 to Jun 30, 2017	A balanced literacy curriculum focused on backwards planning from Common Core Standards	Not started

Curriculum Design, Teacher Teams/Collaboration, ILT, Common core state standards, Instruction planning, Literacy curriculum

Develop a plan for embedding lessons on social, emotional, and behavioral skills aligned with literacy content.	ILT, Teacher Teams, MTSS Committees	Jun 27, 2016 to Jun 30, 2017	Less teacher-directed instruction and more inquiry-based and cooperative learning that promote discussions around different viewpoints, empathy, managing emotions, and responsible decision-making.	Not started

MTSS, SEL, School climate, Learning

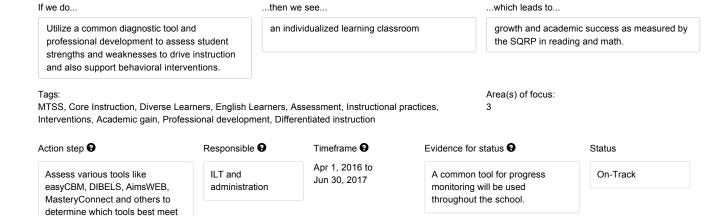|				
Incorporate instructional units which contain culturally relevant texts for all students that includes aspects of the World Language program.	ILT and Teacher Literacy Teams, World Language Team	Jun 30, 2016 to Jun 29, 2018	Instructional units in place. Culturally relevant texts utilized in classrooms. World Language program integrated with core instruction.	Not started

Literacy/Reading, Diverse Learners, World language,

Culturally relevant, English language learners

Strategy 2

If we do...	...then we see...	...which leads to...
If we implement consistent, weighted averages in grade level clusters with grading and assessment.	then we will see grades that accurately and fairly reflect students' academic performance,	better placement in the MTSS process and improved student success outcomes as measured by the SQRP in reading and math.

Tags:
MTSS, Literacy/Reading, Math, Core Instruction, English Learners, Assessment, Intervention, Data Use, Bilingual, Curriculum

Area(s) of focus:
3

Action step ❓	Responsible ❓	Timeframe ❓	Evidence for status ❓	Status
Grade level cluster agreement on homework policy.	K-2 group, 3-5 group, 6-8 group	Mar 1, 2016 to Dec 16, 2016	Grade Level Meetings - have been in discussion	On-Track

Teacher Teams/Collaboration, Grade system, Homework

Grade level cluster agreement on weighted assignment category averages	K-2 group, 3-5 group, 6-8 group	Mar 1, 2016 to Dec 16, 2016	grade level meetings will be discussing	On-Track

Teacher Teams/Collaboration, Grade system, Assessement

Monitoring by administration	Administration	Sep 1, 2016 to Jun 30, 2018	meetings and monitoring have been planned for next year	Not started

MTSS, Grading, Grading policy

Using information to place students in MTSS	teachers, support staff	Sep 1, 2016 to Jun 30, 2018	ongoing MTSS teams have started this year and referrals are ongoing	Not started

MTSS

Strategy 3

If we do...	...then we see...	...which leads to...
Utilize a common diagnostic tool and professional development to assess student strengths and weaknesses to drive instruction and also support behavioral interventions.	an individualized learning classroom	growth and academic success as measured by the SQRP in reading and math.

Tags:
MTSS, Core Instruction, Diverse Learners, English Learners, Assessment, Instructional practices, Interventions, Academic gain, Professional development, Differentiated instruction

Area(s) of focus:
3

Action step ❓	Responsible ❓	Timeframe ❓	Evidence for status ❓	Status
Assess various tools like easyCBM, DIBELS, AimsWEB, MasteryConnect and others to determine which tools best meet our population's needs	ILT and administration	Apr 1, 2016 to Jun 30, 2017	A common tool for progress monitoring will be used throughout the school.	On-Track

MTSS, Interventions, Differentiated instruction, Assessement

Action step	Responsible	Timeframe	Evidence for status	Status
Choose the most suitable tool(s) and use consistently throughout the school year	all staff	Apr 25, 2016 to Jun 30, 2018	Once tool has been chosen, it will be implemented and monitored over the years	On-Track

MTSS, Diverse Learners, English Learners, Differentatied instruction, Assessmnet

Monitor student progress and identify trends which will help drive instruction and support behavioral interventions.	all staff	Sep 6, 2016 to Jun 30, 2018	Once tool has been chosen, it will be implemented and monitored over the years	Not started

MTSS, Diverse Learners, English Learners, Differentatied instruction, Progress monitoring, Behavior supports

Utilize NWEA and other assessment data to identify students that need Tier II and III support	all staff	Jan 4, 2016 to Jun 29, 2018	Data is reviewed at grade level meetings and MTSS meetings and interventions have begun	On-Track

MTSS, Diverse Learners, Interventions, Asessment

Use assessment data to provide differentiated instruction to accommodate for complexity, rigor, and depth.	All Teachers	Jan 4, 2016 to Jun 29, 2018	Assessment data, team meeting notes, at least 75% of students will achieve NWEA growth target goals	On-Track

Diverse Learners, Assessment, Differentiated instruction, Gifted, Rigor, English language learners, Multi-tiered support systems

Strategy 4

If we do...	...then we see...	...which leads to...
If we implement more rigorous assessments that are tied to Common Core State Standards in Literacy,	then we will see an improved readiness for the district-wide assessment, by facilitating students engaging in monitoring their individualized learning paths and growth trajectories.	which leads to more success in high school, improvement in the SQRP, and improved critical thinking and problem solving.

Tags:
Core Instruction, College Access and Persistence, Curriculum, Academic gain, Literacy, Common core state standards, Assessmnet

Area(s) of focus:
3

Action step ❓	Responsible ❓	Timeframe ❓	Evidence for status ❓	Status
Choose a more rigorous literacy curriculum with materials with technology support	ILT, Curriculum Committee	Apr 25, 2016 to Jun 30, 2017	We have implemented a new K-8 math curriculum and 6-8 Science curriculum with plans for Language Arts next year	On-Track

Core Instruction, Technology, Diverse Learners, Curriculum, Rigour, Academic gain, Literacy curriculum, Literacy curriculum resources, Literacy framework

Work in grade levels to develop rigorous and varied assessments (performance based, rubrics, etc.)	Grade level clusters, ILT, Administration	Apr 25, 2016 to Jun 30, 2018	We plan to create a Google Drive Folder of common grade level/subject assessments and rubrics	On-Track

Assessment, Teacher Teams/Collaboration, Rigour

Utilize the Knowledge Center assessments and implement with fidelity	Grade level clusters, ILT, Administration	Apr 25, 2016 to Jun 30, 2018	We plan to add valuable assessments from the Knowledge Center to a Google Drive Folder of common grade level/subject assessments and rubrics	On-Track

Assessment, Teacher Teams/Collaboration, Rigour

Monitor student performance on the assessments to identify weaknesses and strengths	Grade level clusters, ILT, Administration	Apr 25, 2016 to Jun 30, 2018	We plan to habitually monitor assessment data to identify strengths and weaknesses in an effort to drive instruction and implement appropriate interventions	On-Track

Assessment, Teacher Teams/Collaboration, Progress moniorting

Strategy 5

If we do...	...then we see...	...which leads to...
Align the social studies curriculum and materials to the CPS Social Science 3.0 Framework with an emphasis on global awareness and the science curriculum with the Next Generation Science Standards	aligned resources, materials, tools, and structures that support teachers in the design of a strong school-based social science and science based discipline specific program	a "Strong" rating of 60 or above in Program Coherence on the Five Essentials Full Report. at least 89% of students will achieve National Reading Growth in NWEA by the end of 2018. at least 57% of students will achieve National Math Growth in NWEA by the end of 2018. Improvement in results on the Illinois State Science Assessments.

Tags:
Curriculum Design, Teacher Teams/Collaboration, Social studies, Aligned resources, Common core, Instructional materials

Area(s) of focus:
2, 1

Action step ❓	Responsible ❓	Timeframe ❓	Evidence for status ❓	Status
Outline expectations for what each student should know and be able to do by the end of their grade level using the CPS Social Science 3.0 Framework toolsets	teacher teams	Jun 27, 2016 to Jun 30, 2017	Complete outline	Not started

Teacher Teams/Collaboration, Social studies, Curriculum, Aligned resources, Instructional materials

Develop plans needed in order to implement classroom instruction aligned to the standards	teacher teams	Jun 27, 2016 to Jun 30, 2017	completed curriculum maps	Not started

Teacher Teams/Collaboration, Social studies, Curriculum, Aligned resources, Instructional materials

Develop unit plans addressing unifying themes with accommodations for Diverse Learners and English language learners	teacher teams	Jun 27, 2016 to Jun 30, 2017	completed units at each grade level	Not started

Diverse Learners, English Learners, Curriculum Design,

Teacher Teams/Collaboration, Social studies

Using "Text Resources", create lists of the different texts needed at each grade level	teacher teams	Jun 27, 2016 to Jun 30, 2017	Resource lists	Not started

Teacher Teams/Collaboration, Social studies, Libraries, Instructional material, Resources

Using "Community and Partner Resources", create lists of websites and primary sources needed at each grade level	teacher teams	Jun 27, 2016 to Jun 29, 2018	Resource lists	Not started

Teacher Teams/Collaboration, Social studies, Libraries, Instructional material, Resources

Develop instructional strategies that include real-world project-based learning with real-world applications, utilizing creativity, critical thinking, communication and collaboration skills, with supportive technology.	Teacher Teams, Comprehensive Gifted teacher teams	Jun 27, 2016 to Jun 29, 2018	Richard Paul's Reasoning Web Unit Plans Partnership for 21st Century Learning At least 75% of students will achieve NWEA growth target goals in Reading and Math	Not started

Literacy/Reading, Math, Science, Technology, Diverse Learners, English Learners, Social studies, Curriculum, Steam (science technology engineering arts and mathematics), Gifted

Incorporate a science curriculum for kindergarten through fifth grade and provide professional development support aligned to the Next Generation Science Standards.	Teacher teams, Grade Level teachers	Aug 28, 2017 to Jun 29, 2018	Improvement in results on the Illinois State Science Assessments.	Not started

Technology, Steam (science technology engineering arts and mathematics), Science instruction, Next generation science standards

Strategy 6

If we do...	...then we see...	...which leads to...
Provide teachers with professional development for developing differentiated activities that are based on the student proficiency levels, language domain, and language demands. Teachers will also learn how to write language objectives based on data analysis.	that teachers will be able to create instructional units that contain language and content goals based on WIDA ELD standards.	our 2017 goal of at least 50% of students making sufficient annual progress on ACCESS.

Tags:
Diverse Learners, English Learners, Curriculum, Professional development, Lesson planning, Wida, Instructional planning

Area(s) of focus:
1

Action step ❓	Responsible ❓	Timeframe ❓	Evidence for status ❓	Status

		Jun 27, 2016 to Jun 30, 2018		
Teachers will engage in a series of professional development sessions. Teacher teams will explore WIDA standards, analyze data, connect planning and assessment to the Can Do descriptors, and write differentiated language objectives.	Bilingual Leadership Team		Instructional units that contain language and content goals based on WIDA ELD standards	Not started

English Learners, Bilingual, Curriculum, Professional development, World language, Wida, Culturally relevant, Instructional planning

Fund Compliance

Supplemental General State Aid(SGSA)

☑ My school receives SGSA funds

By checking the above box, the school is verifying that the attendance center complies with the statement regarding the use of SGSA funds:

1. The attendance center allocation is correctly based on the number of students eligible to receive free and reduced lunch and breakfast.
2. The attendance center has an approced plan, developed in consultation with teachers, administrators, and other appropriate personnel, and parents of thes tudents attending the attendance center.
3. The attendance center's plan is approved by the LSC and CPS.
4. SGSA funded activities fall within the allowable program categories: early childhood education, reduced class size, enrichment programs, remedial assistance, attendance improvement, and other educationally beneficial expenditures which supplement the regular programs as determined by the illinois state board of education.
5. SGSA Funds supplement and do not suppland non-categorical and other categorical funds allocated to the attendance center.
6. SGSA funds are supporting only those activities specified in the school's approved plan/amendment.
7. SGSA funds are not used for capital expenditures. 8. SGSA funds are not used for any political or lobbying activities by the attendance center.

NCLB Program

◉ NCLB Schoolwide Program

(Not available to schools receiving NCLB funds for the first time) [Title 1/SW].

The school annually reviews the schoolwide plan/program. The schoolwide program plan is available to CPS, parents, and the public, and the information in the plan is in an understandable and uniform format, and to the extent practicable in a language the parents can understand.

◯ NCLB Targeted Assistance Program Title I funded staff participate in the school's general professional development and school planning activities. Title I funded staff assume limited duties that are assigned to similar personnel including duties beyond the classroom, or that do not benefit Title I students, as long as the amount of time spent on such duties is the same proportion of the total work time with respect to similar staff.

◯ Non-title school that does not receive any Title funds

Parent Involvement in Targeted Assistance and Schoolwide Programs

☐ I verify that the statement below is correct

No Child Left Behind (NCLB), the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Act of 1965 continues a legislative commitment to parental involvement. Central features of prior reauthorizations, such as school-parent compacts, parent involvement policies, and the parent involvement funding formula remain unaltered. However, the NCLB reauthorization represents a notable shift in the role of parental involvement in the schools. It includes new provisions increasing parental notification requirements, parental selection of educational options, and parental involvement in governance. It envisions parents as informed and empowered decision makers in their children's education.

Parent Plan

Parent Involvement Policy   Not complete

Schools must involve parents in the joint development and periodic review and revision of the NCLB, Title I school parental involvement plan and policy, and in the process of school review and improvement. Please describe how this will be accomplished.

During the Open House in September, the principal will conduct the Annual NCLB Title I Meeting, in order to announce to the school community about the budget for 2016/17 school year. In addition, the administration will provide the overview of Title I fund and responsibility of the Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) from the NCLB Act.

The school will hold an annual meeting at a time convenient to parents during the first month of school to inform them of the school's participation in NCLB, Title I programs and to explain the Title I requirements and their right to be involved in the Title I programs. The school will also offer a number of additional parental involvement meetings, including school PAC meetings, at different times and will invite all parents of children participating in the NCLB, Title I program to these meetings, and encourage them to attend. Please describe how this will be accomplished. Please list the projected date of your Title I Annual Meeting and your Title I PAC Organizational Meeting

During the Open House in September, the principal will conduct the Annual NCLB Title I Meeting in order to announce to the school community about the budget for 2016/17 school year. In October, school will conduct an election for PAC. The PAC will set the schedule for PAC meetings during the school year. PAC president will attend the LSC meetings in order to provide reports to the LSC of PAC tasks. PAC meetings will be translated into three languages Arabic, Polish and Spanish in order to support the school community and invite them to attend PAC meetings and school-wide events.

Schools will provide parents information in a timely manner about its Title I program, including a description and explanation of the curriculum, the academic assessment tools used to measure children's progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet. Please describe how this will be accomplished.

During the October PAC meeting, the committee sets the calendar for PAC meetings and workshops for the upcoming year. The principal informs the school about the dates of any upcoming events (LSC, PAC, BAC, PTO, workshops) in his biweekly Letter to Parents. In addition, Prussing School post dates for upcoming events or meetings on the school website: www.prussingelementary. org. Furthermore, the administration sends home letters translated into three languages: Arabic, Polish and Spanish in order to inform parents, students, and the school community of Prussing meetings, events or any important information from Prussing School, Network 1 and the CPS District. Prussing School uses its marquee to post dates of the LSC, PAC, BAC and PTO meetings. During the PAC meetings, parents will receive information about the assessment tool used and how parents may use them to support student progress. The first workshop for parents teaches them how to navigate the Parent Portal. Parents may monitor skill development through Compass Learning.

At the request of parents, schools will provide opportunities for regular meetings, including the School Parent Advisory Council meetings, for parents to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions about the education of their children. Please describe how the school will immediately respond to any such suggestions.

The PAC meets bi-monthly in order to inform the school community about important initiatives from Prussing School, Network 1 and CPS District. Twice a year, the PAC revises a NCLB budget. The PAC decides what kinds of workshops are appropriate for parents at Prussing School. Therefore, the PAC schedules activities for parents based on their needs. It is imperative for Prussing School community to participate in LSC, PAC, BAC and PTO meetings.

Schools will provide parents a report of their child's performance on the State assessment in at least math, language arts and reading. Please describe how this will be accomplished.

Prussing School sends parents the results from the state assessment as soon as the CPS District provides the report. In addition, the administration makes available data from NWEA, PARCC, and ACCESS for parents. Teachers discuss the growth of students based on the benchmark assessments throughout the school year with parents during the parent-teacher conferences and also on individual bases as needed.

Schools will provide parents timely notice when their child has been assigned to, or taught by, a teacher who is not "highly qualified," as defined in the Title I Final Regulations, for at least four (4) consecutive weeks. Please describe how this will be accomplished.

The principal sends a letter about "Highly Qualified" teachers out as soon as Office of Talent provides the information to the school.

Schools will assist parents of participating NCLB Title I children in understanding: the state's academic content standards; the state's student academic achievement standards; the state and local academic assessments including alternate assessments; the requirements of Title I, Part A; how to monitor their child's progress; and how to work with educators. Please describe how this will be accomplished.

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Schools will provide information, resources, materials and training, including literacy training and technology, as appropriate, to assist parents in working with their children to improve their academic achievement, and to encourage increased parental involvement. Please describe how this will be accomplished.

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Schools will educate all staff in the value and utility of contributions by parents and in how to reach out to, communicate and work with, parents as equal partners in the education of their children and in how to implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties with parents. Please describe how this will be accomplished.

Prussing's Staff is aware of the importance of collaboration with parents and community. Therefore, the Prussing Staff will invite parents to participate in school-wide projects, (e.g.Academic Night, Talent Show or Performance Night). In addition, the Prussing Staff will inform parents about Prussing Paws, the PBIS which is a part of the positive behavior program at Prussing School.

Schools will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent programs and activities with Head Start, Reading First, Early Reading First involvement, Even Start, Home Instruction Programs for Preschool Youngsters, the Parents as Teachers Program, public preschool, and other programs, to further encourage and support parents in more fully participating in their children's education. Please describe how this will be accomplished.

The state funded pre-k teacher procures all materials such as Head Start, Reading First, Early Reading First, and Home Instruction Program. In addition, the pre-k teacher at Prussing School will inform the parents about how they can help their children during the summer in order to ensure that their children are emotionally and academically ready for a full day kindergarten.

Schools will ensure that information related to the school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to parents in understandable and uniform formats, including language. Please describe how this will be accomplished.

The Principal informs the school community about dates of any upcoming events (LSC, PAC, BAC, PTO, workshops) in his biweekly Letter to Parents. In addition, Prussing School post dates for upcoming events or meetings on the school website: www.prussingelementary.org. Furthermore, the administration sends home letters translated into three languages: Arabic, Polish and Spanish in order to inform parents of Prussing students about meetings, events, or any important information from Prussing School, Network 1 and the CPS District. Prussing School uses its marquee to post dates of the LSC, PAC, BAC, PTO meetings and workshops.

Policy Implementation Activities

☑ The LSC will approve the school improvement plan and monitor the CIWP.

☑ In the CIWP, the school identifies current parental involvement practices and outlines activities related to expanding parent partnership programs.

☑ The school will coordinate the parent involvement programs identified in the CIWP.

☑ The school will evaluate the parent involvement policy for effectiveness and make improvements as necessary.

Explain why any of the boxes above are unchecked: (type "n/a" if all are checked)

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Parent Compact   Complete

The school will provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables the participating student to meet the State's student academic achievement standards. Describe how the school will provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive environment. (Restate the school mission.)

Prussing Elementary School is committed to providing each student with optimal learning opportunities in order to pursue his/her full college and career potential, ensuring success in all future endeavors. Together with parents and the community, we will commit our resources to see that each student receives a variety of rigorous learning experiences in and out of the classroom which will enhance his/her leadership ability. Working as a collaborative team, the staff is motivated and will demonstrate continuous professional growth. The leadership team (ILT) will be supportive of the diverse cultures and community, encouraging and fostering positive changes.

The school will hold parent-teacher conferences. Describe the kinds of parent-teacher conferences that will be held and the dates on which they are scheduled.

Prussing School is providing ongoing communication via school website. Parent–teacher conferences start at the school's Open House in September and then are held individually or as a departmentalized team as often as needed (e.g. IEP or 504). The parents and school community are invited throughout the school to attend the LSC, PAC, BAC, and PTO meetings and events.

The school will provide parents with frequent reports on their children's progress. Describe when and how the school will provide reports to parents.

Prussing School provides parents every 5 weeks with students' progress reports and every 10 weeks with report cards. Parents are able to view their child's grades via the Parent Portal on daily basis.

The school will provide parents access to staff. Describe when, where and how staff will be available for consultations with parents.

The school staff is available by appointment before school starts and also after school. The staff is communicates with parents via email, phone and notes written to parents in the students' assignment notebook, or by administration request.

The school will provide parents opportunities to volunteer and participate in their children's classes. Describe how and when parents may volunteer, participate, and observe classroom activities.

During the LSC, PAC, BAC, and PTO meetings parents are asked to volunteer in the classroom, and also during lunch and recess. Parents are greatly appreciated as they commit to assist on field trips. Parents work closely with Prussing staff during fundraising and cultural events.

The parents will support their children's learning. Describe how the parents will assist learning (i.e. monitoring attendance, homework completion).

Parents communicate with teachers to monitor student progress on a consistent basis via email, the school website, the student assignment notebook and the Parent Portal.

The parents will participate in decisions relating to the education of their children. Describe when, where and how parents will consult with the school.

Parents are invited to attend the LSC, PAC, BAC, and PTO meetings in order to voice their ideas and opinions about instruction and the school curriculum.

The students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement. Describe how the students will assure academic achievement (i.e. good attendance, positive attitude, class preparation).

In the beginning of the school year, teachers send home with students homework, attendance, and the student conduct policy. Students who are tardy often receive a detention. Prussing School implemented the Prussing Paws, a PBIS program in order to correct negative behavior. In addition, teachers remind students about the classroom and school rules and regulations. In addition, Prussing school implemented the Junior Achievement program in order to prepare students to be good citizens.

Parent Budget   Complete

Goals: Indicate goals, timeline of activities and training topics that are designed to assist Parents with increasing their students' academic achievement. The overarching goal is to increase student academic achievement through parental involvement; specify your goals.

Prussing School will continue to provide workshops for parents in order to increase parental involvement. Events during the school year will take place in the mornings or in the evening, so every parent will have a change to participate. In the beginning of the school year, the school will ask parents what topics they will want to have for their PAC workshops. Prussing School will translate the school events into three languages: Arabic, Polish and Spanish. In addition, Prussing School will inform parents about the importance of collaboration with teachers.

Allocate your Mandated Title 1 Parent Involvement Funds to support your Parent Involvement Program.

Account(s)	Description	Allocation	
51130, 52130	**Teacher Presenter/ESP Extended Day** For Teacher presenter, ESP Extended Day, please remember to put money on the benefits line. Non-Instructional pay rate applies.	$ Amount	.00
53405	**Supplies** In addition to supplies for parent program, please use this account to also purchase books for parents only. Use this account for equipment with a per unit cost of less than $500.	$ Amount	.00
53205	**Refreshments** Allocation CAN NOT EXCEED 25% of the Parent Budget. Refreshments must be used for Title 1 PAC meetings, trainings and workshops.	$ Amount	.00
54125	**Consultants** For Parent Training Only. Consultant must have a CPS vendor number and paid with a Purchase Order after service is rendered (NO CHECKS ARE ALLOWED)	$ Amount	.00
54505	**Admission and Registration Fees, Subscriptions and memberships** For Parents use only.	$ Amount	.00
54205	**Travel** Buses for Parents use. Overnight Conference travel- schoolsmust follow the CPS Tracel Policy. The CPS Parent Overnight Travel Approval Form and Conference Travel Form must be completed.	$ Amount	.00
54565	**Reimbursements** Allocation CAN NOT EXCEED 25% OF THE Parent Budget. All Parent Reimbursements related to Title 1 Parent Involvement must be paid from this account. Receipts must be clear unaltered and itemized. School must keep all receipts.	$ Amount	.00

53510	**Postage** Must be used for parent involvement programs only.	$	Amount	.00
53306	**Software** Must be educational and for parent use only.	$	Amount	.00
55005	**Furniture and Equipment** Must have a parent room or a secure place to keep furniture/equipment. Cannot be placed in the main office or where staff and students have access too. To by used only by parents.	$	Amount	.00