Betsey B. Winslow School Plan Overview 2019-2022 9/9/2019

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| Mission: We are com academically and sociand cultural competer | | | | | |
| | Visi | ion | | | |
| academically, socially Our commitment is t technologically adva | Vision: Our goal is to ensure that the students at Betsey B. Winslow will develop academically, socially, morally in a structured, inclusive, and caring environment. Our commitment is the preparedness of our students to function in a technologically advanced society by cultivating 21 st century skills, while creating both cultural and civic awareness. | | | | |
| | Core V | /alues | | | |
| Winslow students ar | e responsible, respect | ful, inclusive, and read | dy to learn. | | |
| | Theory o | of Action | | | |
| At the Winslow school, if we focus on the best practices of fostering engagement through meaningful relationships and instruction while promoting a growth mindset philosophy, then we will show measurable growth across all domains in both academics and social emotional wellness. | | | | | |
| | Strategic (| Objectives | | | |
| High Quality Instruction | Effective Student Support Systems | Increased Family Engagement | Organizational Team Excellence | Public Confidence and Pride | |
| | Strategic I | Initiatives | <u> </u> | | |
| 1.1 Rigorous instruction through well-structured lessons that incorporate the NBPS curriculum standards and common core 1.2 Provide professional development opportunities that include | 2.1 Focus on growth mindset towards students as well as the whole child 2.2 Integrate all 5 initiatives into one collaborative unit to maximize the | 3.1 Maintain and build effective communication methods with families using several different communication venues 3.2 Provide several communication opportunities using point people for different initiatives | 4.1 Develop a unified team of differentiated specialties to collaborate with a multitude of mindsets 4.2 Create opportunities for new staff to have peer classroom | 5.1 Create a team to implement a strategic communications plan that outlines specific steps to inform and engage internal and external audiences 5.2 Provide professional development to staff to build knowledge and skill in strategic communication | |
| include strengthening of content, pedagogy, and the use of technology 1.3 Maintain a | emotional and academic readiness of all students 2.3 Create a | different initiatives 3.3 Implement | visits and observe model lessons 4.3 Provide | 5.3 Maintain and foster | |

| goal to commit to the education of all students by diversifying lessons, providing small group instruction, and monitoring student progress 1.4 Promote | fostering environment through the establishment of authentic student relationships | strategies that will create awareness of the multitude of programs currently in place and heighten positive awareness | professional development opportunities that target team building and strengthening skills | community partnerships and continue to provide opportunities for collaboration |
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| strategies in the district Educational | supports to effectively meet | | | |
| Equity Plan that | the needs of all | | | |
| provides tiered | learners | | | |
| supports for all | | | | |
| learners | | | | |
| | OUTC | OMES | | |
| Outcome 4.A. All -1 | hudanta in cuadas 3.5 : | will immunicate CCD to | | |
| | tudents in grades 3-5 v 19 – 2020 Spring MCA | will improve in SGP in | ELA through the | |
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| • | • | meet or exceed grade I | evel expectations | |
| | e by 16 % from 44 % in | | | |
| | = | will improve SGP in ma | ath through the | |
| | 19-2020 Spring MCAS | | | |
| · · | = | meet or exceed grade I | • | |
| will increase | | | | |
| Outcome 1.C – Incre | | | | |
| above benchmark o | n DIBELS EOY | | | |
| Students wh | e from 68% from | | | |
| EOY 2019 to | 75% in 2020 | | | |
| Outcome 1.D – Incre | ease the percentage of | f students with disabi | lities meeting or | |
| exceeding needs by | 15% | | | |
| Special educ | cation students will inc | crease from 5% meetir | ng or exceeding | |
| targets in sp | oring MCAS 2019 to 20 | % in 2020 | | |
| Outcome 2.A – Decr | ease the percentage r | number of chronic abs | enteeism for the | |
| school year 2020 | | | | |
| Decrease ch | nronic absenteeism rat | e from 8.9% school ye | ar 2019 to 6% for | |
| school year | ending 2020 | | | |
| Outcome 2.B – Incre | ease the percentage of | f students who respon | d favorably on | |
| school climate surve | - | · | - | |
| | • | AL survey will be ident | tified for | |
| improveme | | , | | |
| Outcome 3.A - Incre | ase the favorable resr | oonse rate on district f | family and | |
| community engagen | - | | , | |
| | - | urvey to devolop targe | at areas for | |
| Use results | nom district created s | urvey to develop targe | et areas for | |

| upcoming year | |
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| Outcome 4.A – Increase number of highly skilled and diversified staff • Educational Equity plan to attract a representative workforce | |
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Note: This Plan Overview template depicts a plan with four strategic objectives. Delete or add a column, as necessary, to accommodate a plan with three or five strategic objectives.

Betsey B. Winslow

GOAL 1: High Quality Instruction – Increase student achievement by strengthening teaching and learning.

Strategic Initiative 1.1: Ensure the use of rigorous instruction through well-structured lessons that incorporate the NBPS curriculum standards and common core

Monitoring Progress

| Process Benchmark | Person | Date | Status |
|--|---------------|------|--------|
| What will be done, when, and by whom? | Responsible | | |
| Knowledge of district monitoring tool to measure student | Principal/TLS | Nov. | |
| growth through data analysis and learning walks. | | 2019 | |
| Use weekly data meetings to identify, analyze, and provide | Principal/TLS | Oct. | |
| solutions for improving student growth. | Teachers | 2019 | |

Measuring Impact

| Early Evidence of Change Benchmark | Person | Date | Status |
|--|--------------------|------|--------|
| What changes in practice, attitude, or behavior will you see | Responsible | | |
| if the initiative is having its desired impact? | • | | |
| More engagement of students in lessons measured through | Principal/Teacher | Oct. | |
| evaluations and student progress. | | 2019 | |
| | TLS | | |
| (224) | | | |
| Increase in achievement scores (20%) through STAR and | Principal/Teacher/ | Dec. | |
| DIBELS. | T1.6 | 2019 | |
| | TLS | | |
| Evidence of implementation of equity practices showing | Principal | May | |
| | rincipal | • | |
| 20% increase. | | 2020 | |
| | | | |

GOAL 1: High Quality Instruction – Increase student achievement by strengthening teaching and learning.

Strategic Initiative 1.2: Maintain a goal to commit to the education of all students by diversifying lessons, providing small group instruction, and monitoring student progress

| Process Benchmark | Person | Date | Status |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|------|--------|
| What will be done, when, and by whom? | Responsible | | |

| Site visits from Tiered Literacy Academy designee to continue | Principal/TLS | School year | |
|--|---------------|-------------|--|
| implementation of strategies. | | continual | |
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| De in AGGG of the second to be a few and the second to the | District Tric | 6 2010 | |
| Review MCAS performance data by subgroup and teacher to | Principal/TLS | Sept. 2019 | |
| identify focus areas. | | | |
| | | | |
| Provide PD on Instructional Guide with focus on Analysis and | Principal/TLS | Throughout | |
| Inquiry and student discourse. | | school year | |
| | | | |
| Professional development on Fundations program for grades | Principal | Sept. 2019 | |
| K-1 for school year implementation. | | | |
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| Early Evidence of Change Benchmark | Person | Date | Status |
|--|---------------|---------------|--------|
| What changes in practice, attitude, or behavior will you see if the initiative is having its desired impact? | Responsible | | |
| Evidence of best practices in place and measured by | Principal/ | Oct. | |
| progress monitoring data reviewed on Thursdays. | TLS | 2019 | |
| Evidence through Learning Walks and Formal Observations with look fors in place. | Principal/TLS | 2019- 2020 | |
| · | | School | |
| | | year | |

GOAL 1: High Quality Instruction – Increase student achievement by strengthening teaching and learning.

Strategic Initiative 1.3: Provide professional development opportunities that include strengthening of content, pedagogy, and the use of technology

| Process Benchmark What will be done, when, and by whom? | Person | Date | Status |
|--|------------------|---------|--------|
| | Responsible | 0/2010 | |
| Participation in Tiered Literacy Academy to maintain skills. | Principal/Tiered | 9/2018- | |
| | Literacy Team | 6/2021 | |
| Use weekly data meetings to identify, analyze, and provide | Principal/TLS | Oct. | |
| solutions for improving student growth. | | 2019 | |
| | | | |

| | Teachers | | |
|--|---------------|---------|--|
| Professional Development on effective writing process. | Principal/TLS | Ongoing | |

| Early Evidence of Change Benchmark | Person | Date | Status |
|--|--------------------|------|--------|
| What changes in practice, attitude, or behavior will you see | Responsible | | |
| if the initiative is having its desired impact? | - | | |
| Development of comprehensive PD calendar for the school | Principal/ | Oct. | |
| year. | | 2019 | |
| | TLS | | |
| | | _ | |
| Monitoring post PD surveys to measure | Principal/Teacher/ | Dec. | |
| needs/effectiveness. | T1.6 | 2019 | |
| | TLS | | |
| Evidence of implementation of equity practices showing | Principal | May | |
| , , , , | Fillicipal | , | |
| 20% increase in indicators. | | 2020 | |
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GOAL 1: High Quality Instruction – Increase student achievement by strengthening teaching and learning.

Strategic Initiative 1.4: Promote strategies in the district Educational Equity Plan that provides tiered supports for all learners

Monitoring Progress

| Process Benchmark | Person | Date | Status |
|--|---------------|------|--------|
| What will be done, when, and by whom? | Responsible | | |
| Comprehend and familiarize with district development | Principal/TLS | Nov. | |
| monitoring tool to measure implementation of Educational | | 2019 | |
| Equity practices during learning walks. | | | |
| Provide PD on key components of Educational Equity – Access, | Principal/TLS | Oct. | |
| Instruction, Material, Assessment, Beliefs, Engagement, and | | 2019 | |
| Language. | | | |
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| Early Evidence of Change Benchmark What changes in practice, attitude, or behavior will you see if the initiative is having its desired impact? | Person Responsible | Date | Status |
|---|-----------------------|------|--------|
| District monitoring tool to determine baseline of the | Principal/Teacher | Dec | |
| implementation of equity practices. | TLS | 2019 | |

| Evidence of implementation of equity practices showing | Principal | May | |
|--|-----------|------|--|
| 20% increase from baseline. | | 2020 | |
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GOAL 2: Effective Student Support Systems: Create an inclusive, culturally responsive learning environment

Strategic Initiative 2.1: Focus on growth mindset towards students as well as the whole child

Monitoring Progress

| Process Benchmark What will be done, when, and by whom? | Person Responsible | Date | Status |
|--|--|------------------------|--------|
| Provide several PD opportunities based on strategies gained from Tiered Social Emotional Academy | Principal/SAC/Tiered Social Emotional Team | Oct. 2019 | |
| Assemblies geared toward student thought process (Ned Show), monthly pep rally | Principal/TLS Teachers | Throughout school year | |

Measuring Impact

| Early Evidence of Change Benchmark What changes in practice, attitude, or behavior will you see | Person Responsible | Date | Status |
|---|-----------------------|------------------|--------|
| if the initiative is having its desired impact? | | | |
| Evidence of decrease in behaviors measured through | Entire Staff | Jan. | |
| SWISS. | | 2019 | |
| Decrease in student absenteeism. | Principal/SAC | February 2019 | |
| Evidence of Educational Equity practices aligned with | Principal | Dec | |
| district Educational Equity Plan observed through Walk | | 2019 | |
| Throughs. | | | |

GOAL 2: Effective Student Support Systems: Create an inclusive, culturally responsive learning environment

Strategic Initiative 2.2: Integrate current initiatives brought into school over past 2 years to combine best practices

| Process Benchmark What will be done, when, and by whom? | Person Responsible | Date | Status |
|---|--|-----------|--------|
| Create guiding team with representation from each schoolwide initiative to collaborate with different focuses (ie – SEL institute, PBIS Team, Tiered Literacy Academy). | Principal/SAC/Tiered Social Emotional Team | Oct. 2019 | |

| Early Evidence of Change Benchmark | Person | Date | Status |
|--|-----------------|----------|--------|
| What changes in practice, attitude, or behavior will you see | Responsible | | |
| if the initiative is having its desired impact? | | | |
| Evidence of student motivation resulting in measurable | Initiative | Nov. | |
| student progress. | Leadership Team | 2019 | |
| Decrease in student absenteeism. | Principal/SAC | February | |
| | | 2019 | |
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GOAL 2: Effective Student Support Systems: Create an inclusive, culturally responsive learning environment

Strategic Initiative 2.3: Create a fostering environment through the establishment of authentic student relationships

Monitoring Progress

| Process Benchmark What will be done, when, and by whom? | Person Responsible | Date | Status |
|--|-----------------------|------------------------|--------|
| Develop "Relationship Mapping" program to ensure every student has a "person" in the school to connect with. | Winslow Staff | Oct. 2019 | |
| Continue PD on Social Emotional Learning and student needs. | Principal/SAC | Throughout school year | |

| Early Evidence of Change Benchmark | Person | Date | Status |
|--|---------------|----------|--------|
| What changes in practice, attitude, or behavior will you see | Responsible | | |
| if the initiative is having its desired impact? | - | | |
| Evidence of decrease in behaviors measured through | Entire Staff | Jan. | |
| SWISS. | | 2019 | |
| | | | |
| Decrease in student absenteeism. | Principal/SAC | February | |
| | | 2019 | |
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GOAL 2: Effective Student Support Systems: Create an inclusive, culturally responsive learning environment

Strategic Initiative 2.4: Use of tiered supports to effectively meet the needs of all learners

Monitoring Progress

| Process Benchmark | Person | Date | Status |
|--|--------------------------------------|-----------|--------|
| What will be done, when, and by whom? | Responsible | | |
| Implement strategies gained through Tiered Literacy and Social Emotional Academy to more aggressively meet the academic and social emotional needs of all students using a scaffold model. | Winslow Staff/Initiative Teams | Nov. 2019 | |
| Review trauma sensitive practices from previous year. | Principal/SAC | Year long | |
| Review district BBST protocols and guidelines. | Principal/SAC | Year long | |

Measuring Impact

| Early Evidence of Change Benchmark | Person Responsible | Date | Status |
|--|----------------------|------|--------|
| What changes in practice, attitude, or behavior will you | | | |
| see if the initiative is having its desired impact? | | | |
| Decrease in number of referrals to BBST and overall | Principal | Jan. | |
| improvement in academic and social/emotional concerns. | | 2020 | |
| | | | |
| Evidence of decrease in behaviors measured through | Entire Staff | Jan. | |
| SWISS. | | 2020 | |
| | | | |
| Increase in student scores in ELA through more defined | Principal/TLS/Tiered | Jan, | |
| skills acquired through Tiered Literacy Academy year 2. | Literacy Team | 2020 | |
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GOAL 3: Increased Family Engagement: Empower families and the community through collaboration

Strategic Initiative 3.1: Maintain and build effective communication methods with families using several different communication venues

| Process Benchmark What will be done, when, and by whom? | Person Responsible | Date | Status |
|---|-----------------------|--------------|--------|
| Survey families for most effective form of communication for them (ie. Social Media, email, newsletters). | Principal | Oct. 2019 | |
| Provide families with different pathways of involvement with the Winslow Community (Advisory, PBIS, PTO). | Principal | Oct. 2019 | |

| Invite parents of students receiving character trait awards to | PBIS Team | Sept. | |
|--|-----------|-------|--|
| monthly pep rallies to engage in celebration. | | 2019- | |
| | | June | |
| | | 2020 | |
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| Early Evidence of Change Benchmark What changes in practice, attitude, or behavior will you see if the initiative is having its desired impact? | Person Responsible | Date | Status |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------------------|--------|
| Beginning of year and end of year survey regarding their | Principal/PBIS | Oct. 2019 | |
| perception of communication. | Team | & May 2020 | |
| Monitor parent participation in family events such as movie night, barbeque, dance night, conferences, etc. through sign in sheets. | Principal | Throughout the school year | |
| Increased parent/family presence at pep rallies and celebrations. | PBIS Team | Nov. 2019 | |

GOAL 3: Increased Family Engagement: Empower families and the community through collaboration

Strategic Initiative 3.2: Provide several communication opportunities using point people for different initiatives **Monitoring Progress**

| Process Benchmark | Person | Date | Status |
|---|-------------|------|--------|
| What will be done, when, and by whom? | Responsible | | |
| Monthly highlight on different initiatives in school newsletter | Principal | Nov. | |
| with interview with point person for each (PBIS, Social | | 2019 | |
| Emotional, Tiered Literacy, Mindfulness) | | | |
| During parent teacher conferences, provide tables in the | Staff | Dec. | |
| auditorium for each initiative with point person there to | | | |
| engage parents/families. | | 2019 | |
| | | | |

| Early Evidence of Change Benchmark | Person | Date | Status |
|--|----------------------|-----------|--------|
| What changes in practice, attitude, or behavior will you | Responsible | | |
| see if the initiative is having its desired impact? | · | | |
| Noticeable parent involvement and interest in positive | Principal/Initiative | Nov. 2019 | |
| initiatives going on through questions and comments | teams | through | |
| | | _ | |

| | | May 2020 | |
|--|-----------|------------|--|
| Increased parent interest in the many initiatives going on | Principal | Throughout | |
| measured through survey and sign in sheets for | | the school | |
| participation. | | year | |
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GOAL 3: Increased Family Engagement: Empower families and the community through collaboration

Strategic Initiative 3.3 Implement strategies that will create awareness of the multitude of programs currently in place and heighten positive awareness

Monitoring Progress

| Process Benchmark What will be done, when, and by whom? | Person Responsible | Date | Status |
|---|-----------------------|---------------------|--------|
| Highlight monthly PBIS pep rallies with students selected for character traits through district publicity, school website, and Facebook page. | Principal | Through the year | |
| Continue to promote school functions and events through monthly newsletter. | Clerk/Principal | Through the year | |

| Early Evidence of Change Benchmark What changes in practice, attitude, or behavior will you see if the initiative is having its desired impact? | Person Responsible | Date | Status |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|--------|
| Increased parent/family presence at school events. | Principal/PBIS Team | Throughout the year | |

GOAL 4: Organizational Team Excellence: Cultivate and Recruit a Highly Skilled Workforce

Strategic Initiative 4.1: 4.1 Develop a unified team of differentiated specialties to collaborate with a multitude of mindsets

Monitoring Progress

| Process Benchmark What will be done, when, and by whom? | Person Responsible | Date | Status |
|--|--|--------------|--------|
| Combine various staff members responsible for different initiatives both school and district wide to form a team with best practice focuses. | Principal/TLS/Tiered Literacy Team/Social Emotional Team/PBIS Team | Oct. 2019 | |
| Develop awareness of positive initiatives going on at Winslow to recruit strategic, diversified staff. | Principal | Jan. 2020 | |

Measuring Impact

| Early Evidence of Change Benchmark | Person | Date | Status |
|--|----------------|------------|--------|
| What changes in practice, attitude, or behavior will you | Responsible | | |
| see if the initiative is having its desired impact? | | | |
| Collaboration of ideas supporting positive initiatives | Principal | Jan. 2020 | |
| evidenced in school plans for bringing in new staff. | | | |
| Slide show at yearly job fair, announcements on website | Principal/PBIS | Throughout | |
| and social media surrounding positive work environment. | Team | the school | |
| | | year | |
| | | | |

GOAL 4: Organizational Team Excellence: Cultivate and Recruit a Highly Skilled Workforce Strategic Initiative 4.2: 4 Create opportunities for new staff to have peer classroom visits and observe model lessons

Monitoring Progress

| Process Benchmark | Person | Date | Status |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------|
| What will be done, when, and by whom? | Responsible | | |
| Provide for coverage for both veteran and new staff to go in | Principal/TLS | Dec. | |
| and observe other teachers doing model lessons to bring back | | 2019 | |
| into their own classroom. | | | |
| Provide opportunities during staff meetings and professional | Principal/TLS | Jan. 2020 | |
| development for staff to do "Ghost Walks" through empty | | | |
| classrooms to identify positive and effective practices for | | | |
| educational/motivational charts. | | | |
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| Early Evidence of Change Benchmark What changes in practice, attitude, or behavior will you see if the initiative is having its desired impact? | Person Responsible | Date | Status |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------------------|--------|
| Staff incorporating new techniques into current lessons and strategies to increase student motivation/performance. | Principal | Throughout the school year | |
| Noticeable positive changes in classroom environments. | Principal/TLS | Feb. 2020 | |

GOAL 4: Organizational Team Excellence: Cultivate and Recruit a Highly Skilled Workforce

Strategic Initiative 4.3: Provide professional development opportunities that target team building and strengthening skills

Monitoring Progress

| Process Benchmark | Person | Date | Status |
|---|-------------------|------|--------|
| What will be done, when, and by whom? | Responsible | | |
| Incorporate schoolwide mindfulness initiative to the | Principal/TLS/SAC | Nov. | |
| beginning of every staff meeting. | | 2019 | |
| Provide professional development activities to foster trust | Principal | Jan. | |
| and collaboration with staff. | | 2020 | |

| Early Evidence of Change Benchmark What changes in practice, attitude, or behavior will you see if the initiative is having its desired impact? | Person Responsible | Date | Status |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------------------|--------|
| Mindfulness will have a positive outcome in the classroom and school environment as evidenced through evaluation performance. | Principal | Jan. 2020 | |
| Opportunities for staff engagement will result in staff members communicating more often and using team building skills evidenced through positive climate. | Principal/SAC | Throughout the school year | |

GOAL 5: Public Confidence and Pride

Strategic Initiative 5.1: Create a team to implement a strategic communications plan that outlines specific steps to inform and engage internal and external audiences

Monitoring Progress

| Process Benchmark What will be done, when, and by whom? | Person Responsible | Date | Status |
|---|--|--------------|--------|
| Bring together staff from PBIS team and family engagement train the trainer team to develop a comprehensive plan for communication with measurable outcomes | Principal/PBIS Team/Family Engagement Team | Nov. 2019 | |

Measuring Impact

| Early Evidence of Change Benchmark | Person | Date | Status |
|--|--------------------|-----------|--------|
| What changes in practice, attitude, or behavior will you see if the initiative is having its desired impact? | Responsible | | |
| Monthly collection of data to monitor the amount of views, posts on the school Facebook page with anticipation of monthly 10% increase along with a 5% increase in dojo/remind communication | Principal/Teachers | Nov. 2019 | |

GOAL 5: Public Confidence and Pride

Strategic Initiative 5.2: Provide professional development to staff to build knowledge and skill in strategic communication

Monitoring Progress

| Process Benchmark What will be done, when, and by whom? | Person Responsible | Date | Status |
|---|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------|
| Staff will be provided with professional development for effective communication skills for outside agencies, families, and community organizations through family engagement team training | Principal/Family Engagement Team | Nov. 2019 | |

| Early Evidence of Change Benchmark | Person | Date | Status |
|--|--------------------|-----------|--------|
| What changes in practice, attitude, or behavior will you see if the initiative is having its desired impact? | Responsible | | |
| Professional Development Evaluations after session to | Principal/Teachers | Nov. 2019 | |
| measure staff knowledge on the importance and effectiveness of strong communication | | | |
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GOAL 5: Public Confidence and Pride

Strategic Initiative 5.3: Maintain and foster community partnerships and continue to provide opportunities for collaboration

Monitoring Progress

| Process Benchmark What will be done, when, and by whom? | Person Responsible | Date | Status |
|---|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------|
| Continue to maintain outside relationships and collaboration of activities with local fire and police departments, Council on Aging, PTO, Buttonwood Park, United Way, and search out other community partners to work with | Principal/Family Engagement Team | Nov. 2019 | |

Measuring Impact

| Early Evidence of Change Benchmark | Person | Date | Status |
|--|--------------------|-----------|--------|
| What changes in practice, attitude, or behavior will you | Responsible | | |
| see if the initiative is having its desired impact? | | | |
| Number of community events at Winslow School will | Principal/Teachers | Nov. 2019 | |
| increase quarterly by 2 (Including Guest Speakers at Pep | | | |
| Rallies) | | | |
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NBPS Guidance on Developing School Improvement Plans

Adopted, in part, from MA DESE's Planning for Success: http://www.doe.mass.edu/research/success/

What Are Mission, Vision and Core Values? The <u>mission</u> is the school's purpose and explains why the organization exists. The mission focuses on today and what the school does on an everyday basis. The <u>vision</u> is the school's aspirations for students and explains what the community values and why, and what future success looks like. <u>Core values</u> are the principles that guide the decision making and action that will help achieve the vision; they reflect what the school community believes in.

What is a Theory of Action? The <u>theory of action</u> is a strategic if-then statement about a high-leverage area of practice that is targeted for improvement. The theory of action connects a school-wide problem of practice (something within the school's control) with an aligned strategy/solution. The theory of action creates a logical chain connecting an area of growth to a proposed solution and its intended outcome. Example: if we incorporate instructional strategies across all content areas that promote student analysis and inquiry, then all students will achieve at higher academic levels.

What Are Strategic Objectives and Initiatives? <u>Strategic objectives</u> are the coherent group of overarching goals and key levers for improvement that will achieve the future vision. Strategic objectives

articulate not only the "what" of the plan but also the "why." <u>Strategic initiatives</u> are the projects and programs that support and will achieve the strategic objectives. Strategic initiatives are the "how."

What Are Outcomes? <u>Outcomes</u> are the plan's expected results: what they will be, how they will be measured, and when they will occur. Outcomes are the SMART goals for the school: specific and strategic; measurable; ambitious and action-oriented; rigorous, realistic, results-focused; timed and tracked. Outcomes measure the school's success in achieving its vision and include specific targets for the improvement expected as a result of multi-year plan implementation.

What are Process Benchmarks? These implementation benchmarks monitor progress and specify what will happen, who will do it, and when. Example: Each grade-level team of teachers will adopt and implement five ELA standards-based common formative assessments by June 2020.

What are Early Evidence of Change Benchmarks? These implementation benchmarks monitor impact and identify changes you should begin to see if the plan is having its desired impact while being implemented. Early evidence benchmarks are indicators of effective implementation rather than measurements of interim results. Early evidence benchmarks might include changes in practice or attitude from sources such as classroom observation or surveys. Example: An increase in student use of oral language will be observed in 100% of ESL teachers' classrooms between October and January.

What is the status column for? This column will likely be blank at the beginning of the year. School leadership teams should add notes within this column throughout the year, tracking key information and the status of each benchmark.