

Pilsen-Little Village Elementary Network

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Mission Statement

Walsh Math & Science Academy will provide a safe and challenging environment tht supports all students' individual needs. We will promote self discipline, motivation, and excellence in learning by emphasizing common academic goals/standards, including the seemless integration of math and science as well as literacy and technology across the curriculum. Walsh will provide opportunities for teachers, parents, adn students to learn and collaborate.

Strategic Priorities

- 1. Teachers will create integrated units through a backwards design model in order to create meaningful, effective, data driven lessons that are highly rigorous and support the common core standards
- 2. Differentiate the guided practice component of the scaffolded lesson by flexibly grouping students based on skills and reading level across all content areas.
- 3. Increase the integration of analytical writing grounded in evidence from text into all subjects at all grade levels.

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School Performance Goals

Literacy Performance Goals Math Performance Goals ■ SY2011 ■ SY2012 ■ SY2013 ■ SY2014 SY2011 SY2012 SY2013 SY2014 80.0 ^{85.0} ^{90.0} 100% 100% 90% 90% 80.0 80% 70% 60% 50% 40% 80% 64.4 47.1 ^{52.1} ^{55.0} ^{58.0} 44.5 49.5 53.0 55.0 60.0 70% 37.0 ^{42.0} ^{46.0} ^{49.0} 37.6 42.5 45.0 47.0 60% 24.2 ^{29.0} ^{35.0} ^{40.0} 50% 40.0 40% 12.1 17.1 23.0 30% 20% 10% 30% 20% 10% Early Math Gr6-8 Math Gr3-5 Math **Gr8 Explore** Early Literacy Gr3-5 Reading **Gr6-8 Reading Gr8 Explore**



Continuous Improvement Work Plan 2012 - 2014



Overview

The Continuous Improvement Work Plan (CIWP) is a stream-lined, strategic planning process for schools that also meets the state and federal requirements of a school improvement plan. The CIWP uses previous goal and priority setting completed by the schools from the Scorecard metrics, School Effectiveness Framework and Theory of Action. Please see the CIWP Planning Guide at www.cps.edu/CIWP for detailed instructions on completing the tool.

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To g	get started, please select your school's name from the drop down list:	John A Walsh Elementary School

Developing a CIWP Team

A CIWP team consists of 6 – 12 committed stakeholders that act as the steering committee for the entire CIWP planning process. The principal should serve as the chairperson of the CIWP Team, appointing other team members from the school and community, which can include members from the ILT and/or LSC. These CIWP Team members should have strengths in collaboration and consensus-building. While the CIWP Team needs to remain small, it should include people with a variety of perspectives.

CIWP Team	
Name (Print)	Title/Relationship
Krish Mohip	Principal
Salvador Velasco	Assistant Principal
Lopa Shah	Lead/ Resource Teacher
Brenda Fonseca	Classroom Teacher
Walter Casimiro	LSC Member
Marni Kirschenbaum	Special Education Faculty
Kirsten Perry	Counselor/Case Manager
Emily Serr	Special Education Faculty
Bertha Castaneda	ELL Teacher
Haidee Gonzalez	ELL Teacher
Kiran Ionita	Classroom Teacher
Steve Stultz	Community Member





Elementary Goal Setting

Instructions: Your school's data is organized by Scorecard categories. Using your current performance data and your SY2012 goals, determine the SY2013 & SY2014 performance goals for each metric. Note: ISAT scores include all students in the aggregates, including English Language Learners.

Academic Achievement

re-K - 2nd Grade	SY2011 Score	SY2012 Goal	SY2013 Goal	SY2014 Goal		SY2011 Score	SY2012 Goal	SY20 Go
rly Literacy of students at Benchmark on DIBELS, EL	64.4	80.0	85.0	90.0	Early Math % of students at Benchmark on mClass	NDA	40.0	60.0
Brd - 5th Grade								
Grade Level Performance - Reading 6 of students at or above grade level on Scantron/NWEA	37.0	42.0	46.0	49.0	Grade Level Performance - Math % of students at or above grade level on Scantron/NWEA	37.6	42.5	45.0
Keeping Pace - Reading Keeping Pace - Reading Sof students making growth targets On Scantron/NWEA	49.6	59.0	62.0	65.0	Keeping Pace - Math % of students making growth targets on Scantron/NWEA	61.5	71.5	73.0
6th - 8th Grade								
Grade Level Performance - Reading 6 of students at or above grade level on Scantron/NWEA	44.5	49.5	53.0	55.0	Grade Level Performance - Math % of students at or above grade level on Scantron/NWEA	47.1	52.1	55.0
Keeping Pace - Reading 6 of students making growth targets on Scantron/NWEA	63.9	70.0	72.0	74.0	Keeping Pace - Math % of students making growth targets on Scantron/NWEA	60.4	65.0	67.0
8th Grade								
Explore - Reading % of students at college readiness Denchmark	24.2	29.0	35.0	40.0	Explore - Math % of students at college readiness benchmark	12.1	17.1	23.0





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Climate & Culture

All Grades	SY2011	SY2012 Goal	SY2013 Goal	SY2014 Goal		SY2011	SY2012 Goal	SY2013 Goal	SY2014 Goal
Attendance Rate Average daily attendance rate	95.1	95.2	95.5	96.0	Misconducts Rate of Misconducts (any) per 100	2.9	2.5	2.0	1.5

State Assessment

All Grades % Meets & Exceeds	SY2011 Score	SY2012 Goal	SY2013 Goal	SY2014 Goal	All Grades % Exceeds	SY2011 Score	SY2012 Goal	SY2013 Goal	SY2014 Goal
ISAT - Reading % of students meeting or exceeding state standards	69.3	76.0	83.0	90.0	ISAT - Reading % of students exceeding state standards	12.5	12.5	15.0	25.0
ISAT - Mathematics% of students meeting or exceeding state standards	80.1	84.0	86.0	90.0	ISAT - Mathematics % of students exceeding state standards	17.4	17.4	20.0	25.0
ISAT - Science % of students meeting or exceeding state standards	54.2	70.0	75.0	80.0	ISAT - Science % of students exceeding state standards	3.1	10.0	15.0	25.0



School Effectiveness Framework

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Typical School	Effective School	Evidence Evalua
Goals and theory of action		3
The school has established goals for student achievement that are aimed at making incremental growth and narrowing of achievement gaps. The school has a plan but may have too many competing priorities.	student achievement aimed at aggressively narrowing the achievement gap and ensuring college and career readiness of all students at the school, grade, and classroom levels. • The school has established a clear theory of action or strategic plan that outlines the school's priorities (derived from analysis of data) and key levers along with the anticipated impact when implemented with fidelity.	The school has been creating Theory of Actions for 3 years now that time we have learned to be more specific in our goals for growth and have used data to focus our efforts. All curriculum budget decisions are based on the goals of the Theory of Action The Theory of Action goals are seen throughout the school through planning process, implementation of lessons, and review of data. The Theory of Action is referred to often in grade level meetings and ILT meetings and is part of the teacher's lesson peach week.
Principal Leadership		> 3
 Professional learning is organized through whole 	Principal creates a professional learning system that	Principal meets in the beginning of the school year to establish
staff development but it is not tightly linked to what	evaluates teacher need and interest and builds	school vision and theory of action. Principal identifies and sets
happens in teacher team meetings or 1:1 coaching	opportunities for growth in content knowledge and	priorities/ goals for the year with the entire staff. Principal clari
cycles.	leadership	the instructional best practices that are non-negotiables for the
 Principal monitors instructional practice for teacher 	Principal clarifies a vision for instructional best practice,	year.
evaluations.	works with each staff member to determine goals and	
School-wide or class specific vision is not	benchmarks, monitors quality and drives continuous	Principal meets quarterly with every teacher one to one to prov
consistently focused on college and career	improvement.	feedback and set target goals for students in their classroom to
readiness		reach and for teachers to improve with instructional practices.
 Principal provides basic information for families on 	career readiness through clarity of vision, internal and	
school events and responds to requests for	·	Principal meets with parents in the beginning of the year and
information. Families and community are engaged		throughout the year to establish grade level expectations for
·		students and parents to help students improve academic skills.
houses or curriculum nights.	Principal creates a system for empowered families and	
	communities through accurate information on school	
	performance, clarity on student learning goals, and	

opportunities for involvement.





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Teacher Leadership		>	2
 A core group of teachers performs nearly all leadership duties in the school. A few voices tend to contribute to the majority of 	• Each teacher is invested in the success of the school through leadership in one or more areas, including (but not limited to):	ILT is representative of the school faculty and contains men key leadership positions as well as classroom teachers	nbers in
 decision-making at the ILT and teacher team levels. Teacher learning and expertise is inconsistently shared after engagement in professional learning 	-ILT membership -Grade/Course team lead - RtI team	ILT is chaired by a teacher-leader. Admin voices do not over the conversation	rshadow
activities.	-Committee chair or membership -Mentor teacher -Curriculum team	The school has many committees which include Grade Level Subject committees, RTI Team, Bilingual Lead, Literacy Lead Climate Committee, REACH Committee, CCSS Committee,	
	-Coach -Family liaison -Data team	Recognition Committee, Guided Reading Committee, and the Parental Involvement Committee. Committees share learning information to the entire staff.	
	-Bilingual lead -SIPAAA/CWIP team -Union representative		
	-Grant writer • Each teacher has equity of voice in grade/course, ILT and whole staff meetings		
	Each teacher is encouraged to share learning about effective practice from PD or visits to other schools		





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Instructional Leadership Team (ILT)		>	3
 The ILT represents some or most grade levels or departments, but may not include critical areas of expertise, like special education, bilingual education or counseling. The ILT splits time and focus between improving teaching and learning and solving day-to-day operational concerns. The ILT organizes some whole staff professional development activities. Development at the teacher team or teacher level is not coordinated by the ILT. ILT decision-making is carried out in isolation, or without a clear process for staff-wide engagement. ILT engages in changes to practice in response to voiced concerns. ILT analyzes student test data if new data is available. 	 The school's ILT is assembled based on the combination of knowledge and expertise needed to make decisions for all students and staff. The ILT leads the work of improving teaching and learning school-wide The ILT leads the school's approach to professional development – whole staff PD, teacher teams, and coaching. The ILT facilitates two-way communication and engages all staff in participating in decision-making that advances the school's strategic focus. The ILT engages in regular reflection upon its own team processes and effectiveness and takes actions to improve its functioning and progress towards school-wide goals. The ILT regularly analyzes qualitative and quantitative data to monitor the implementation of school's plan and make adjustments accordingly 	ILT follows a agenda with norms. Each meeting time is allocated to review data and discumplications as well as actionable steps for how to imprachievement being reviewed. ILT is made up of a cross section of the staff. The member highly regarded by their peers for their leadership and extheir content area. The ILT reports it activities and new understandings to the staff during weekly staff meetings. The ILT helps craft the learning cycles and monitors its implementation throughout the year.	ove pers are expertise in
Monitoring and adjusting • Data for district assessments is occasionally analyzed at the school level, typically when new reports are made available. Analysis may lead to instructional practice.	• The school has a systematic approach to analyzing data relative to the school's theory of action on an ongoing basis—at the school level, department/grade level, and classroom level—in order to make adjustments to their focus and to target support for particular teachers and students.	When test data becomes available, the ILT and grade learner to the data and make adjustments to the curriculum the agreed upon goals for the school, grade level, and contains the curriculum based assessments. There is still a progress monitoring tool to be used with 3rd-8th grade Reading and Math. Performance asssessments also need developed, administered, and reviewed throughout the	m to achieve lassroom. cron, Access, a need for a students in ed to be



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Typical School Effective School Evidence Evaluation Curriculum • Curricular pacing/scope and sequence is most often • Each grade level or course team has a year-long scope Each ELA teacher creates 5-week plans that incorporate the CCSS determined by the pacing set forth in instructional and sequence that maps out what Common Core or other independedent of a Basal or other instructional programs. materials or by an individual teacher. state standards teachers should teach and in what order in • Each teacher develops his/her own units of All ELA lessons are scaffolded daily and build towards weekly core subject areas. instruction or follows what is suggested by the • Each grade level or course team develops/uses common objectives and a 5 week objective. pacing provided in instructional materials. units of instruction aligned to the standards. • Text used for instruction exposes some students to • Text used for instruction exposes all students to a grade-Teachers plan and differentiate for their SPED and ELL students. grade-appropriate complexity and is heavily focused appropriate level of complexity and informational texts to Teachers use a variety (informational and narrative) of complex on fiction. text at student's instructional and independent levels throughout at least the CCSS-recommended levels by grade band. Short- and long-term plans do not consistently Short and long term plans include the supports necessary instruction. **DIMENSION** differentiate by learner need. to ensure that students with disabilities and ELLs are able to gain core content knowledge and skills. Instructional materials 3 Core instructional materials vary between teachers Each grade level or course team has a set of instructional Each grade level and classrooms have a classroom library (spanish of the same grade/course or are focused mainly on a materials that are aligned with standards. text is availble for Bilingual classrooms) and content material at single textbook with little exposure to standards-• Instructional materials are supportive of students with their grade level that is aligned to the standards. There is book aligned supplemental materials. disabilities as well as varying language proficiency levels of room for all teachers to access leveled text. Teachers have acess to Instructional materials support a general ELLs (including native language and bilingual supports). A-Z learning, which provides text for multiple contents and levels. curriculum with little differentiation for student Grade levels have \$500 to spend on instructional materials for their learning need. classroom. There is also a need to add resources to the bookroom and classroom libraries.

Reading Materials Survey: In addition to evaluating your school in this area, we encourage schools to begin inventorying grade level literacy materials by completing the survey at www.surveymonkey.com/s/materialsurvey. While this is not a comprehensive inventory of your school's instructional materials, this will help you identify the additional literacy materials needed to help implement the Common Core State Standards in the upcoming school year.





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Typical School	Effective School	Evidence Evaluation	ion
Assessment		> 2	
 School wide data is available to the ILT. Teacher team or classroom data is not always available when teachers need it—or teachers inconsistently bring it to teacher team meetings. Each grade level or course team administers the required district assessments but there may be gaps in the kind of assessment tools available to them. Assessments are focused on a particular form of assessment and may not adequately provide a complete picture of student learning. Most assessments are designed to be identical for all students, without accommodation for learner need. 	 School-wide, teacher team and classroom data is organized and available to all who need it immediately after each assessment. Each grade level or course team uses a comprehensive set of assessments – screening, diagnostic, benchmark, formative, and summative – to monitor student learning on a frequent basis. Assessment methods (e.g., student work, selected response, constructed response, performance task) are aligned with the standard(s) being assessed (e.g., knowledge mastery, reasoning proficiency, performance skills, ability to create products). Assessment accommodations and modifications are in place to ensure that students with disabilities and ELLs are able to appropriately demonstrate their knowledge and skills. 	The school has a data room which has formative results. This dat is on display and helps with the planning of units and weekly less plans. Teachers have a variety of assessments but there are still gaps in assessments such as progress monitoring for Grades 3-8. Teachers create assessments to examine the mastery of daily and weekly objectives as well as assessments at the end of their 5 we units. Teachers plan explicitly and document on their lesson plans how the instruction will be differentiated for the ELL and SPED learner	n nd veek v





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Instruction		> 2
 Communication of the learning objective is inconsistent or lesson objectives do not consistently align to standards. Questioning is more heavily aimed at assessing basic student understanding and comprehension. Sequencing of lessons in most classes is primarily driven by the pacing suggested in instructional materials. Instruction is most often delivered whole-group with few opportunities for scaffolding learning or the level of rigor is not consistently high. Formative assessment during instruction is used occasionally or inconsistently between teachers. 	procedures, as well as the relevance of the learning. • , Each teacher uses low- and high-level questioning techniques that promote student thinking and understanding. • Each teacher purposefully sequences and aligns standards-based objectives to build towards deep understanding and mastery of the standards.	Teachers post student friendly daily objectives and through the use of walk-throughs we ensure that students understand what is being asked of them. Through the use of the scaffolded lesson delivery, teachers model expectations as well as the procedures desired to successfully complete the task. During scaffolded lessons, teachers use a variety of teaching strategies to ensure that ELLs and SPED students meet objectives (i.e. visuals, graphic organizers, manuipulatives, and technology). Teachers use formative assessments (i.e. conferring, exit slips, student responses) to adjust instruction whenever necessary.



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Intervention		>	3
 Decision-making about how to determine which 	The school has a systematic approach to administering	The school uses the prescribed assessments of	the Chicago
students are in need of intervention, what	screening assessments to identify students in need of	Public Schools. In addition to this, Easy CBM, A	IMS Web,
interventions they receive and how to determine the	academic intervention.	Kids College, and teacher created assessments	are used to
success of interventions is not regularly monitored.	▶ The school has a systematic approach to administering	drive the instruction of the intervention period	

• Interventions at the elementary level include in-class, small group instruction, push-in support provided by specialists, one on one support and additional supports outside of the classroom.

The intervention options are limited (sometimes one-diagnostic assessments to identify particular skills gaps.

- Interventions at the secondary school level include small group instruction, double blocks in literacy and mathematics, push-in support provided by specialists, one on one support and additional supports outside of the classroom
- Interventions are closely monitored at the ILT, teacher team and individual teacher level so that adjustments can be made at least every 6 weeks.

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Walsh has a schoolwide intervention program in which students are grouped by data and there is a specific and explicit teaching point that lasts for 1-2 weeks. Pre- and post tests are administered to show growth and mastery of the teaching point. Interventions and student progress is montiored daily by teachers and regularly by the RTI team. Adjustments to interventions are made as needed. During K-2 intervention time, other staff members support teachers with strategic lessons and activities by working with a small group. All teachers meet daily with a target group to provide interventions.

Whole staff professional development

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• Whole staff professional development occurs regularly but is not tightly aligned to the school's priorities.

size-fits-all), making it difficult to find a targeted

solution to address a particular student's needs.

teacher discretion without school-wide systems.

Intervention monitoring and adjustments are left to

- Quality, effectiveness or relevance of professional development is not monitored.
- The school has a year-long, focused plan for whole staff professional development aligned to school-wide priorities and growth goals.
- The school has a method for continually monitoring the effectiveness of all professional development (including coaching and teacher collaboration).
- School-wide structures ensure that professional development is ongoing, job-embedded and relevant to teachers.

The school engages in 5-6 week learning cycles that are tightly alined to our goals of the Walsh Theory of Action.

The ILT monitors the progress of the Learning Cycle's and helps in the creation of future cycles based on the data from the current cycles success.

Learning Cycles include grade level teams, ILT meetings, LASW, peer observations, DOK, and professional readings. School wide PD is also included in the cycle.



School Effectiveness Framework

Typical School	Effective School	<u>Evidence</u> Evaluation
Grade-level and/or course teams		> <u>3</u>
Teachers meet regularly but it is focused on a mix f activities—planning, professional development, and data analysis—that may change from week to week. Teachers do not have a regular opportunity to iscuss progress monitoring data to track ffectiveness of student intervention. Ownership for student learning results lies rimarily with individual teachers. Planning typically takes place with general ducation teachers only. Special education, bilingual r other specialists typically plan and meet eparately or only join the group occasionally. There are meeting agendas, but no clear protocols r norms for discussion.	 Teachers collaborate in regular cycles: quarterly for long-term unit planning, weekly to analyze formative assessment data and plan weekly instruction. Teachers and specialists meet approximately every six weeks to discuss progress-monitoring data for students receiving intervention. Teacher teams share ownership for results in student learning. Teams are inclusive of general education, special education, bilingual teachers and other specialists. Teams are supported by an ILT member, team leader, or "expert", as appropriate. Teachers have protocols or processes in place for team collaboration. 	Teachers meet weekly for grade level meetings, ILT meetings and one to one meetings. They are given a grade level release day to work on their 5-week plans. Teacher clusters meet every Tuesday for an RTI meeting where the look over progress-monitoring data for students as well as adjust interventions as needed. Bilingual teachers, special education teachers and other specialist attend grade level meetings and collaborate on a weekly basis which is recorded in collaboration logs.
nstructional coaching		> 2
district-sponsored induction. Professional development decisions are not systematized and left to teacher initiative/discretion.	 Every school has a coaching plan that identifies teacher needs, who provides the coaching, and how frequently. New teachers are provided with effective induction support. Teachers have individual professional development plans tailored to their needs. Teachers consistently receive quality feedback that supports their individual growth. Peer coaching and cross classroom visitation is also used as a form of coaching. 	Walsh has established a peer coaching schedule for teachers to receive ongoing instructional coaching based on teacher needs. Teachers receive ongoing feedback on instructional practices and meet one to one with the administration and literacy coach to develop and improve their practices. Scheduled cross classroom visitations during grade levels help teachers reflect on school-widimplementation of priorities such as guided reading, CCSS, and intervention block.



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High expectations & College-going culture		> 3
Some staff members reinforce expectations for all students to aspire to college and career ready standards, or expectations are only reinforced for some students.	 Every staff member reinforces school expectations for all students to aspire to college and career-ready standards. The school has developed and is executing an intentional plan to build and maintain a college-going culture. Every student has opportunities for authentic leadership and student voice 	Teachers inform students of expectaions and our school counsel helps prepare students for for high school and college. Our counselor by providing students with presentations on high schools, helping them complete high school applications, and helping students identify career paths by having them take a carcluster inventory. All the CCSS units are also are designed to prepare out students for high school and college.
Relationships		> 3
 Some students form bonds with adult advocates. Patterns of interaction between adults and students and among students are inconsistent Students with disabilities are typically confined to a special education classroom with few opportunities to interact with peers. Student home language and culture is often overlooked. 	 All students have an adult advocate who cares about them deeply and supports them in achieving their goals Patterns of interactions, both between adults and students and among students, are respectful, with appropriate, fair responses to disrespectful behavior Students with disabilities are engaged in the school community, including both physical and social integration. Students' classroom experiences demonstrate value of home language and culture. 	Most of the students feel they are supported by at least one staff member who helps them reach their goals and advocates for the needs. Walsh school has a well established discipline policy and we promote and model a respectful climate. The schools schedule is created to include time for students with disabilities to be integrated with grade level peers and school events. Walsh school participates in a International Fun Fair Day. Stude
Behavior& Safety		> 2
 Discipline violations and positive behavior supports are handled differently between teachers without school wide norms. School environment occasionally leads to situations un-conducive to learning. 	approach to student discipline and tiered approach to behavioral intervention that recognizes and builds on	Walsh has set forth a school wide discipline plan that is clear to a teachers. Classrooms have set up supports in which build positive behaviors with reward systems and green, yellow red light system. Behavioral issues and concerns for individual students are broug to the RTI team where they are discussed and action plans are created and implemented. Our staff participates in weekly morning duty where teachers chem.



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Expectations		> 3
Principal provides information to families on school performance in response to parent requests. Teachers provide information to families on their grading system, but families may be unclear on what successfully meeting the standard would look like. Families can learn about the transition process if they reach out to the school for information.	 Principal provides clear information for families on school performance and accurately explains this information so that families understand its relevance to their children as well as the plan for improvement. Teachers provide clear information for families on what students are expected to achieve in a given grade level or course and examples of what meeting the standards looks like. 	Walsh sends out weekly progress reports to inform parents of student academics. Parents are also informed and trained on the parent portal so they can also check their child's grades. Staff members call, text, or email parents on a weekly basis as needed keep parents up to date.
	 Schools proactively provide information regarding school choices to families looking to relocate or to students in transition grades. 	Our school counselor has set up a program in which provides information on outside schools to parents. One to one meetings a also set up with parent and counselor when needed.
Ongoing communication		3
• Communication to families is typically conducted only during report card pick-up and in cases of oehavior/academic concerns.	• Teachers and other school staff engage in ongoing, two- way communication with families so that they know how their child is doing relative to grade-level expectations and how the families can support their child's learning at home, but also so that school staff can learn from the families about their child's strengths and needs.	At the beginning of the year, teachers inform parents of grade level expectations and even provide exercises and activities in which parents can do with their children. Teachers have ongoing communication with parents during the year on their students levels and how they can help move them forward.
Bonding		> 2
 The school has a business-like atmosphere. School staff provides occasional opportunities for families and community members to participate in authentic and engaging activities in the school community like student performances, exhibitions, literacy or math events, etc. 	 The school establishes and non-threatening, welcoming environment. The principal leads the work to empower and motivate families and community to become engaged. School staff provides frequent opportunities for families and community members to participate in authentic and engaging activities in the school community like student performances, exhibitions, literacy or math events, etc. 	Walsh school staff is very welcoming and promotes family and community invovlment. Parents and community memebers have participated by supporting our teachers in the classroom, volunteering for reading programs and school events. Parents are invited and welcomed to come to school during the day for performance assemblies.





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Specialized supp	oort		>	2
•	required services to students building/typical school hours.	School staff conducts intensive outreach to families in need of specialized support through home visits and collaboration with social services agencies.	The school provides individualized support for families have established school partnerships with local agencie Medical Center, El Hogar del Nino, and EL Valor) which the support that is needed.	s (Alivo
College & Caree	r Exploration and election		>	2
• Information about provided.	ut college or career choices is	The school provides early and ongoing exposure to experiences and information necessary to make informed decisions when selecting a college or career that connects to academic preparation and future aspirations.	Walsh has made a college and high school door project have to research and become expoused to different kin schools and colleges. Our counselor provides students interest inventories and has students research career a college options based on their interests throughout the	ds of high with career nd related
Academic Plann	ing		>	2
for some students. explore paths of in	Information and opportunities to terest are limited. urages high performing students to	 The school provides support for student planning, preparation, participation, and performance in their college and career aspirations and goals through a rigorous academic program and access to information and opportunities. (HS only) The school regularly evaluates rigorous coursetaking and performance patterns (e.g., AP) and removes barriers to access. 	Walsh students are taking high school algebra during the year to help prepare for high school. Our counselor also 7-8 grade students to identify career paths and help selections schools that can prepare them for related careers and continued to the selection of	works wit ect high
Enrichment & Ex	ktracurricular Engagement		>	3
scope or students i	ctivities exist but may be limited in may not be purposefully involved ign with their strengths and needs.	The school ensures equitable exposure to a wide range of extracurricular and enrichment opportunities that build leadership, nurture talents and interests, and increase	Walsh school had a vast array of extracurricular and enprograms before, during and after school. These prograstudents to build on their talents, interests and leaders	ms allow t



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Typical School	Effective School	Evidence Evaluati	Evaluation		
College & Career Assessments		> 2			
Students do not participate in college and career ready assessments	The school promotes preparation, participation, and performance in college and career assessments.	Students in 8th grades take the EXPLORE test. Our counselor had middle school students take a career cluster inventory to indefuture career pathways.			
College & Career Admissions and Affordability		2			
information on college options, costs and financial aid.	• The school provides students and families with comprehensive information about college options and costs (HS only) The school ensures that students and families have an early and ongoing understanding of the college and career application and admission processes, including information on financial aid and scholarship eligibility.	Walsh school has lead a high school fair throughout the year for 5th-8th grade students. Parents are encouraged to come in to receive further information regarding high school and college applications and admission processes. Our counselor has schedu high school workshops in the beginning and middle of the year to help parents understand the high school admissions process.	uled		
Transitions		3			
with the required minimum paperwork/information.	 The school works to ensure effective transitions—into Kindergarten, at each "benchmark" grade, and from 8th to 9th. (HS only) The school connects students to school and community resources to help them overcome barriers and ensure the successful transition from high school to college. 	Walsh informs the parents on the requirments for benchmark grades at the beginning and end of the year. We ensure that transition from grade to grade are done in an organized fashion. Our school held a transtional matriculation cermonies for studen in benchmark grades to establish parent and students teacher contracts regarding gradel level academic and social expectation. High school student volunteers have come to our school to infor our students about high school programs and expectations.	nts ns.		



School Effectiveness Framework

Typical School	Typical School Effective School		Evaluati
Use of Discretionary Resources			> 3
 aligned to identified needs and priorities. Outside funding or community partnerships are primarily limited to opportunities that present themselves to the school. Funding of non-priority initiatives is common throughout the year. 	 School allocates discretionary spending to align with identified needs and strategic priorities. School actively identifies and pursues opportunities to for outside funding or community partnerships to help meet student and staff needs. School maintains focus on use of resources for the student achievement growth necessary for every student to graduate college and career ready. 	We have provided funds and resources for teachers interventions, guided reading, and CCSS planning an implementation. Our school has worked hard to establish partnership provided students with additional tutoring and acad Some of these programs include WITS amd intrsct. Students are provided with rigorous texts to help th future academics and higher education.	os in order to lemic suppor
Building a Team			> 3
vacancy is identified. • All or nearly all applicants have little to no prior connection to the school. • Interviews typically consist of an interview with the principal or a team from the school, but there are no opportunities to demonstrate knowledge or skill in	 Hiring is conducted after an assessment of student need, staff capacity and scheduling priorities. School actively works to build a pool of potential staff members through internships and part-time work. A multistep interview process includes a protocol for questioning and classroom lesson demonstrations to assess candidate expertise, philosophy and commitment. Grade/course teams are assembled to include the needed combination of knowledge and expertise. 	Walsh has a staffing and hiring committee to identif future staff members. Through our partnerships wit we have established a pool of potential future teach. The school promotes preparing our student teacher assistants within our school to potentially have a fut Walsh by teaching them high quality instruction. Our staffing and hiring committee has established a protocal to determine future employees.	h universitie ner canidates s and teache ture postion
Use of Time			> 3
minutes per subject or course. Teacher collaboration time is limited or occurs only before/after school.	collaboration in teacher teams.	Our school wide schedule supports all studentd and goals. This is evident through our school wide intervand ELD time.	ention block
	dedicated blocks.	In the schedule there is time for teachers to meet alon a weekly basis. Our school wide intervention block is data driven an	





Mission & Strategic Priorities

Instructions: Write in your Mission Statement. Using your key levers from the Theory of Action, develop 3 - 5 strategic priorities you will focus on over the next two years. Provide a Rationale using these guiding questions: What data (student achievement, school effectiveness framework, etc.) did you use to determine the priority? How does this priority impact instruction? How does this priority help you to achieve your goals? Tip: When entering text, press Alt+Enter to start a new paragraph.

Mission Statement

Walsh Math & Science Academy will provide a safe and challenging environment tht supports all students' individual needs. We will promote self discipline, motivation, and excellence in learning by emphasizing common academic goals/standards, including the seemless integration of math and science as well as literacy and technology across the curriculum. Walsh will provide opportunities for teachers, parents, adn students to learn and collaborate.

Strate	Strategic Priorities								
#	Priority Description: Write in the description of your priority.	Rationale: Write in your rationale (see instructions for guiding questions).							
1	Teachers will create integrated units through a backwards design model in order to create meaningful, effective, data driven lessons that are highly rigorous and support the common core standards	Currently teachers are not thinking strategically about the scope and sequence for their year long curriculum. We have moved away from following a basal, and teachers need to learn how to prioritize the learning outcomes for their students. In the past year and a half, we have begun aligning our intrsuction in Language Arts to the CCSS and the data has shown significant increases in student achievement over prior years performance. Using this powerful practice of planning integrated units through a backwards design model, students will be the beneficiaries of higher quality intruction that is meaninful, targeted, and rigorous. Through the focus and implementation of this priority, we are confident that this will be one of the levers that will help us raise achievement levels. This will occur because lessons will all be aligned to the CCSS which are more rigorous. Through the integration of disciplines, the lessons will be more engaging. Also, because teachers are building their curriculum based on current student data, the lessons will be tailored to the needs of their specific class.							

	Differentiate the guided practice component of the scaffolded lesson by flexibly	We analyzed data from Scantron, DIBELS, TRC, ACCESS, schoool-wide walk-throughs, and
	grouping students based on skills and reading level across all content areas.	observations. Through this analysis, it has become evident that teachers are not differentiating their lessons and activities during instruction. We have seen limited growth in students who are not being targeted during intervention time and current data demonstrates a wide range of abilities.
2		This priority will impact instuction by having the teachers explicitly teach and design lessons based on the individual child's needs. Teachers will provide differntiated complex text and activities that meet the learner(s) at their level.
		This priority will help achieve our goal by having teachers focus their pratice, instruction and activities by targeting individual student needs. By having students work in small groups, teachers will be able to provide effective high quiality personalized instruction based on data.
	Increase the integration of analytical writing grounded in evidence from text into all subjects at all grade levels.	Based on school wide writing assessment data, ISAT Extended Response, school-wide walk throughs, observations, student work, and lesson plans it is evident that the school need to focus on improving writing in all the subjects areas.
3		This priority will impact instruction in all subject areas. Writing will be integrated with daily lessons and activities. Writing will give the students the opportunity to reflect on their comprehension, understanding and their opinions of the lesson's objective. Teachers will provide students with exmplar writing pieces, model good writing, and provide opportinities for students to create extended writing pieces with in performance assessments.
		Integrating writing into all subject will engage students in higher order thinking which will increase their comprehension of what they are learning. Comprehension will increase student understanding of the daily objective which will allow our stundents to become better learners in all content areas.
4	Optional	
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Strategic Priority 1

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Strategic Priority Description	Rationale
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data driven lessons that are highly rigorous and support the common core standards	We have moved away from following a basal, and teachers need to learn how to prioritize the learning
	outcomes for their students. In the past year and a half, we have begun aligning our intrsuction in Language Arts to the CCSS and the data has shown significant increases in student achievement over prior years
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Action Plan Monitoring

Milestones	Category	Target Group	Responsible Party	Start	Completed	Status	Comments & Next Steps
Unpack the Math Standards of the CCSS	Professional Development	All	Lopa Shah	Quarter 1	Quarter 1		
Professional development on Understanding by Design - Essential Questions	Professional Development	All	ILT	Summer 2012	Quarter 1		
Professional development on Undertsnding by Design - Essential Questions and Crafting Understanding.	Professional Development	All	ILT	Summer 2012	Quarter 2		
Professional development on Undertsnding by Design - Assessment Evelopment	Professional Development	All	ILT	Summer 2012	Quarter 3		
Professional development on Undertsnding by Design - The Design Process	Professional Development	All	ILT	Summer 2012	Quarter 4		
Purchase the ASCD Exchange License for staff use to plan and review	Equipment/ Technology	All	Krish Mohip	Quarter 1	Quarter 1		
Create a schedule for planning time each week	Other	All	Krish Mohip	Summer 2012	Quarter 1		
Plan with teacher teams on a weekly basis on the design on integrated units and weekly lesson plans during the 75-minute time alloted each week through time-banking.	Professional Development	All	Adminstration Team	On-going	On-going		
Review student work on a weekly basis during grade level meetings to ensure adherence to standards and quality, rigorous work is being completed	Professional Development	All	Adminstration Team	On-going	On-going		
Create a scope and sequence for the school year for each grade level	Professional Development	All	Grade Level Teachers	Summer 2012	Quarter 1		
Create a school wide rubric for the evaluation and feedback on the integrated unit plan	Professional Development	All	ILT	Quarter 1	Quarter 1		
Create a schoowide rubric for the evaluation and feedback on weekly lesson plans	Professional Development	All	ILT	Quarter 1	Quarter 1		





Strategic Priority 1						
Send teachers to trainings off-site in regards to integrated unit planning on as as needed basis for individual teachers	Professional Development	All	Krish Mohip	Quarter 1	On-going	
Audit classrooms libraries in order to compile a list of resources available for teacher to use In their lessons.	Instructional Materials	All	Homeroom Teachers	Summer 2012	Quarter 1	
Purchases needed supplies needed for the succesful implementation of the integrated units.	Instructional Materials	All	Homeroom Teachers and Krish Mohip	Quarter 1	On-going	
Provide time for teachers to present their units to their peers for feedback	ILT/ Teacher Teams	All	Krish Mohip	On-going	On-going	
Provide time for teacehrs to observe other teachers implementing integrated units at Walsh School	Instruction	All	Salvador Velasco	On-going	On-going	
Provide opportubnities for teachers to visit teachers in other schools who are champions of careting and implementing integrated units	Instruction	All	Salvador Velasco	On-going	On-going	
Build an online warehouse for teachers to keep their unit plans, lesson plans, and student data.	Equipment/ Technology	All	Walter Casimiro	Summer 2012	Quarter 1	
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Strategic Priority 2

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Strategic Priority Description	Rationale
and reading level across all content areas.	We analyzed data from Scantron, DIBELS, TRC, ACCESS, schoool-wide walk-throughs, and observations. Through this analysis, it has become evident that teachers are not differentiating their lessons and activities during instruction. We have seen limited growth in students who are not being targeted during intervention time and current data demonstrates a wide range of abilities.

Action Plan Monitoring

Milestones	Category	Target Group	Responsible Party	Start	Completed	Status	Comments & Next Steps
Fully implement guided reading in all classrooms	Instruction	All	Admin Team	Quarter 1	Quarter 1		
Guided Reading occuring daily in Grades K-5 and atleast 3 times per week in Grades 6-8	Instruction	All	Reading Teachers	Quarter 1	On-going		
School wide leveling of books to coincide with Fountas and Pinnell	Instructional Materials	All	Lopa Shah	Summer 2012	Quarter 4		
Implement the teacher created Guided Reading Rubric	Instruction	All	ILT	Summer 2012	Summer 2012		
Provide needed leveled leveled readers to each reading teacher	Instructional Materials	All	Krish Mohip	Quarter 1	Quarter 4		
Provide professional development on mini-lessons	Professional Development	All	ILT	Quarter 1	Quarter 1		
Provide professional defelopment on conferencing	Professional Development	All	ILT	Quarter 2	Quarter 2		
Provide professional development on record	Professional	All	ILT	Quarter 3	Quarter 3		
keeping/progress monitoring	Development						
Professional development on balanced literacy	Professional Development	All	ILT	Quarter 4	Quarter 4		
Professional development of assessments used during	Professional	All	ILT	Quarter 3	Quarter 3		
guided reading	Development	All	ILI	Quarter 3	Quarter 3		
Provide kidney shaped or u-shaped tables for classroom	Instructional	All	Krish Mohip	Summer 2012	Summer 2012		
teachers	Materials	,	Kilon World	3diiiiiei 2012	341111161 2012		
Provide time for teachers to observe other teachers at	Professional	All	Salvador Velasco	Quarter 1	Quarter 4		
Walsh implementing guided reading	Development	,		Q	Q aa. to		
Provide time for teachers to observe other teachers at	Professional	All	Salvador Velasco	Quarter 1	Quarter 4		
other school implementing guided reading	Development						
Level all students reading levels to F & P	Instruction	All	Lopa Shah	Quarter 1	On-going		
Professional Development on the use of complex text to a group of students at varying abilities	Professional Development	All	ILT	Quarter 2	Quarter 2		



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Strategic Priority 2						
Create a text complexity committee that works with teachers to help find and implement complex text in their daily lessons. This committee will also review classroom materials on a regular basis and provide feedback to teachers.	Other	All	Kiran Ionita and Madonna Bodmer	Quarter 1	On-going	
Professional Development on using small groups in Science, Math, and Social Studies	Professional Development	All	Blake Fronzcak, Brenda Fonseca, Walter Casimiro	Year 2	Year 2	
Create a rubric for expectations of small goup instruction in Science, Math, and Social Studies	Instructional Materials	All	Blake Fronzcak, Brenda Fonseca, Walter Casimiro	Year 2	Year 2	
Review Science and Math Curriculum and determine if new instructional materials/curriculums are needed	Instructional Materials	All	Blake Fronzcak, Brenda Fonseca, Walter Casimiro	Year 2	Year 2	
Purchase additional leveled readers for use in Science and Social studeies	Instructional Materials	All	Blake Fronzcak, Brenda Fonseca, Walter Casimiro	Year 2	Year 2	





Strategic Priority 3

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Strategic Priority Description	Rationale
	Based on school wide writing assessment data, ISAT Extended Response, school-wide walk throughs, observations, student work, and lesson plans it is evident that the school need to focus on improving writing in all the subjects areas.

Action Plan Monitoring

Milestones	Category	Target Group	Responsible Party	Start	Completed	Status	Comments & Next Steps
Professional Development on integration of writing across content areas using the common core writing standards	Professional Development	All	ILT	Quarter 1	Quarter 1		
Teachers will integrate writing across content areas in their unit plans and their performance assessments	ILT/ Teacher Teams	All	Teacher Teams	Quarter 1	Quarter 1		
All content areas will integrate atleast two writing activities a week. All students must have a writing folder or composition book (response book/folder) for each content area within the classroom.	Instruction	All	Teacher Teams	Quarter 1	Quarter 1		
Teachers will create rubrics for each content or to specific writing pieces using the common core writing standards	ILT/ Teacher Teams	All	Krish Mohip/Teacher Teams	Quarter 2	Quarter 2		
Teachers will analyze student writing to develop further understanding of writing integration and to reteach standards that need to be addressed	ILT/ Teacher Teams	All	Lopa Shah/Teacher Teams	Quarter 2	Quarter 2		
Identify strengths and weakness of the writing integration process using student samples from grade levels, and walk through data	ILT/ Teacher Teams	All	ILT	On-going	On-going		
Walk through and observations of evidence of writing integration	Instruction	All	ILT	On-going	On-going		
Create a schedule for walk through observations	ILT/ Teacher Teams	All	Krish Mohip/Teacher Teams	Quarter 1	Quarter 1		
Professional Development on Writing Workshop	ILT/ Teacher Teams	All	Lopa Shah/Walter Casimiro	Quarter 1	Quarter 1		
Professional Development on Mini-Lessons in the Writer's Workshop	ILT/ Teacher Teams	All	Lopa Shah/Walter Casimiro	Quarter 2	Quarter 2		





Strategic Priority 3

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Professioanl Development on Conferencing in the Writer's Workshop	ILT/ Teacher Teams	All	Lopa Shah/Walter Casimiro	Quarter 3	Quarter 3	
Professional Development on Assessments used in the Writer's Workshop	ILT/ Teacher Teams	All	Lopa Shah/Walter Casimiro	Quarter 4	Quarter 4	
reate a common understanding of the stages of writing at ach grade level	ILT/ Teacher Teams	All	Salvador Velasco	Year 2	Year 2	
eview the components of the Writing Workshop	ILT/ Teacher Teams	All	ILT	Year 2	Year 2	





Strategic Priority 4

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Strategic Priority Description	Rationale

Action Plan Monitoring

Milestones	Category	Target Group	Responsible Party	Start	Completed	Status	Comments & Next Steps





Strategic Priority 5

Instructions: Develop milestones for each strategic priority that you will implement. Milestones are significant steps that a school must accomplish in the implementation of the strategic priority. Milestones are SMART (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, and Time-bound). Indicate the category and group of students to which the milestone applies, the responsible party and the timeline. You will update the status and next steps throughout the year as part of your continuous improvement cycle.

Strategic Priority Description	Rationale

Action Plan Monitoring

Milestones	Category	Target Group	Responsible Party	Start	Completed	Status	Comments & Next Steps