

Pershing Elementary Network

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Mission Statement

Brighton Park's mission is to provide a rigorous academic program that prepares all students for college and a successful career including those with special needs. Students will be provided with skills necessary to achieve individual academic growth and contribute to their community and society. The learning community will participate in data-driven decision making and professional development across the curriculum. The staff will share leadership, promote lifelong learning, and engage students in differentiated instruction, technology, and global awareness.

Strategic Priorities

- 1. Increase the rigor of our Reading program by making sure objectives, activities, and assessments address knowledge on higher levels of the Bloom's Taxonomy and are in alignment of Common Core State Standards.
- 2. Provide writing instruction to students on all grade levels that corresponds to the College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards, with emphasis on mastery of writing skills and application.
- 3. Improve math achievement through the delivery of Common Core aligned mathematics instructions, supported by high quality materials.

School Performance Goals

Literacy Performance Goals Math Performance Goals ■ SY2011 ■ SY2012 ■ SY2013 ■ SY2014 SY2011 SY2012 SY2013 SY2014 100% 100% 81.4 85.2 90% 90% 74.1 80% 70% 60% 50% 40% 50.0 56.9 62.5 65.7 80% 46.1 51.1 56.1 60.9 64.5 70% 40.2 ^{44.6} ^{49.5} 39.7 ^{45.1} ^{49.3} ^{52.0} 37.7 43.5 48.0 50.4 60% 30.9 ^{35.9} ^{40.9} 50% 40% 16.0 21.0 26.0 30% 20% 10% 20.9 30% 20% 6.0 10% Early Math Gr6-8 Math Gr3-5 Reading Gr3-5 Math **Gr8 Explore** Early Literacy **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.

School Name		
To get started, please so	ect your school's name from the drop down list:	Brighton Park 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			
Dr. Glenda Johnson	Principal			
Dr. Erma Smith	Assistant Principal			
Carmen Basile	Assistant Principal			
Leark Haney	Classroom Teacher			
Vicki Lewis	Classroom Teacher			
Robert Snarski	Classroom Teacher			
Joyce Johnson	Classroom Teacher			





Elementary Goal Setting

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Academic Achievement

Pre-K - 2nd Grade	SY2011 Score	SY2012 Goal	SY2013 Goal	SY2014 Goal
Early Literacy % of students at Benchmark on DIBELS, IDEL	64.5	74.1	81.4	85.2
Brd - 5th Grade				
Grade Level Performance - Reading Gof students at or above grade level on Scantron/NWEA	32.2	40.2	44.6	49.5
eeping Pace - Reading of students making growth targets of Scantron/NWEA	51.2	60.0	66.2	71.2
6th - 8th Grade				
rade Level Performance - Reading of students at or above grade level a Scantron/NWEA	39.7	45.1	49.3	52.0
eeping Pace - Reading of students making growth targets n Scantron/NWEA	53.9	63.2	71.6	75.3
Sth Grade				
xplore - Reading of students at college readiness enchmark	20.9	30.9	35.9	40.9





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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	96.3	97.5	98.0	98.5	Misconducts Rate of Misconducts (any) per 100	2.6	2.3	2.0	1.7

State Assessment

All Grades % Meets & Exceeds	SY2011 Score	SY2012 Goal	SY2013 Goal	SY2014 Goal	All Grades % Exceeds	SY2011 Score	SY2012 Goal	SY2013 Goal	S
ISAT - Reading % of students meeting or exceeding state standards	67.1	70.1	73.1	76.1	ISAT - Reading% of students exceeding statestandards	11.4	16.4	21.4	
ISAT - Mathematics % of students meeting or exceeding state standards	82.3	85.3	88.3	91.3	ISAT - Mathematics% of students exceeding statestandards	18.6	23.6	28.6	
ISAT - Science % of students meeting or exceeding state standards	79.6	82.6	85.6	88.6	ISAT - Science % of students exceeding state standards	14.6	19.6	24.6	



School Effectiveness Framework

Instructions: Evaluate your school from 1-4 on each of the Effective Practices of the School Effectiveness Framework in the drop down box under "Evaluation". Cite evidence from observations, any available data, surveys, etc. NOTE: 2= Typical School and 4 = Effective School **TIP: When entering text, press Alt + Enter to start a new paragraph.**

Typical School	Effective School	Evidence	Evaluation
Goals and theory of action		>	4
The school has established goals for student	·	Our goals and and action strategies include monitoring a	
achievement that are aimed at making incremental		plans, Common Core Standards, DIBELS, NWEA, Headsp	
growth and narrowing of achievement gaps.	achievement gap and ensuring college and career readiness		
The school has a plan but may have too many		Driven Lesson Planning and Collaboration, Student Grou	ipings, and
competing priorities.	·	RTI progress monitoring.	
	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.		
Principal Leadership		>	4
Professional learning is organized through whole	Principal creates a professional learning system that	The Principal established College Carper Connections	
staff development but it is not tightly linked to what	evaluates teacher need and interest and builds	The Principal established College-Career Connections Literacy Night, and Data Night.	
happens in teacher team meetings or 1:1 coaching	opportunities for growth in content knowledge and	The Principal provides, supports, & encourages PD's, PD	's on new
cycles.		initiatives, NWEA Teacher Analysis & Projections,	3 OII IICW
 Principal monitors instructional practice for teacher 	·	Gear Up, Leadership Team, Bilingual Advisory Council, N	ICLB.
evaluations.		Afterschool programs, ESL Classes for parents, ongoing	
School-wide or class specific vision is not	-	collaboration, and Formal and Informal Staff Observatio	
consistently focused on college and career	improvement.	,	
readiness	 Principal establishes and nurtures a culture of college and 		
• Principal provides basic information for families on	career readiness through clarity of vision, internal and		
school events and responds to requests for	external communications and establishment of systems to		
information. Families and community are engaged	support students in understanding and reaching these		
through occasional school-wide events such as open	goals.		
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		>	4
 A core group of teachers performs nearly all leadership duties in the school. A few voices tend to contribute to the majority of decision-making at the ILT and teacher team levels. Teacher learning and expertise is inconsistently shared after engagement in professional learning activities. 	• Each teacher is invested in the success of the school through leadership in one or more areas, including (but not limited to): -ILT membership -Grade/Course team lead - RtI team -Committee chair or membership -Mentor teacher -Curriculum team -Coach -Family liaison -Data team -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	Bilingual & Special Educations teachers collaborate with teaching peers, Grade Levels evaluate data in making quarterly maps, Teachers conduct workshops (PD's), and the Faculty joins Committees. Grade level teams considered to identify needs across curriculums. A input. There is a need for a teacher mentor, Rtl coach, writer.	h grade level oordinate All faculty has





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Instructional Leadership Team (ILT)		>	2
 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 	Professional development is lead by the ILT, which has teacher representatives from each department, We have identified the following needs: More reporting by ILT to faculty; Regularly scheduled meetings Ongoing Discussions The District needs to elaborate on ILT roles and respon	
Monitoring and adjusting		>	4
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.	Data analysis a large part of professional development. Saturday data analysis sessions in addition to analysis be routine part of grade level and departmental meetings. We track progress through the NWEA Data Board, CIM Dibels and Headsprout PD's and progress monitoring. Teacher analysis and compilation of NWEA data is led be Assistant Principal.	eing a



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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 Saturdays for quarterly curriculum mapping determined by the pacing set forth in instructional and sequence that maps out what Common Core or other Grouping and collaboration are determined between all teachers. materials or by an individual teacher. state standards teachers should teach and in what order in Curriculum is data-driven: NWEA results are used to determine • Each teacher develops his/her own units of core subject areas. student groupings and instructional priorities. instruction or follows what is suggested by the • Each grade level or course team develops/uses common Grade level, Bilingual and Special Education teachers collaborate on pacing provided in instructional materials. units of instruction aligned to the standards. Lesson Plans using the Common Core Standards (Early Adopter • Text used for instruction exposes some students to • Text used for instruction exposes all students to a gradeparticipation). Classroom libraries are Lexiled and RtI is grade-appropriate complexity and is heavily focused appropriate level of complexity and informational texts to implemented. on fiction. 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 **DIMENSION** differentiate by learner need. to ensure that students with disabilities and ELLs are able to gain core content knowledge and skills. Instructional materials 2 Core instructional materials vary between teachers Each grade level or course team has a set of instructional Common Core workbooks, individualized Portfolios and of the same grade/course or are focused mainly on a materials that are aligned with standards. assessments, and Centers activities. single textbook with little exposure to standards-• Instructional materials are supportive of students with Classroom libraries need to be enhanced in the classrooms. aligned supplemental materials. disabilities as well as varying language proficiency levels of Supplementary materials are needed in all classrooms to support all Instructional materials support a general ELLs (including native language and bilingual supports). subject areas, bilingual students, and students with disabilities. curriculum with little differentiation for student learning need. 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

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
Assessment		4
 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. 		Grade level lesson plans, CCSS unit plans, and curriculum maps ensure alignment with the standards. Each grade level uses ST Math, Headsprout, NWEA, Dibels, ACCESS and Common Core Testing, as appropriate. Progress monitoring is accomplished using NWEA growth charts, Dibels monitoring and EasyCBM for RtI students. WIDA data, IEPs, and RtI folders are used to ensure students are appropriately assessed.





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Instruction		>	4
 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. 	 Each teacher clearly communicates with students the standards-based learning objective, directions and 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. Each teacher scaffolds instruction to ensure all students, including students with disabilities and English language learners access complex texts and engage in complex tasks. Each teacher regularly uses formative assessment during instruction to monitor student progress and check for understanding of student learning. 	Student samples include the learning standard on bulletin bodisplays. Portfolios, lesson assessments and progress charts also reflects standards. Students understand why there are groupings and their responsements. Students understand that they are responsible for monitoring own progress. HOTS, rubrics, differentiated instruction, lesson plans and Curriculum Maps incorporate the Standards. Varied lessons and strategies ensure opportunities for students success.	ct the ective g their



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Intervention		3
• Decision-making about how to determine which students are in need of intervention, what interventions they receive and how to determine the success of interventions is not regularly monitored. The intervention options are limited (sometimes one-size-fits-all), making it difficult to find a targeted solution to address a particular student's needs. Intervention monitoring and adjustments are left to teacher discretion without school-wide systems.	 The school has a systematic approach to administering diagnostic assessments to identify particular skills gaps. Interventions at the elementary level include in-class, 	Diagnostic assessments include running records, Easycbm.com, Starfall, Headsprout, ST Math, NWEA, Formative and Summative tests. Interventions for struggling students include RTI, PBIS, before and afterschool tutoring, SES, Academic clubs, and After School All Stars (ASAS). More time is needed for teacher teams, ILT, and individua teachers to closely monitor interventions. An RTI Coach would be of great assistance to give additional support.

Whole staff professional development

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- Whole staff professional development occurs regularly but is not tightly aligned to the school's priorities.
 Quality, effectiveness or relevance of professio development is not monitored. regularly but is not tightly aligned to the school's
 - Quality, effectiveness or relevance of professional
- 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.

Our school's professional development sessions are listed on CPS University for CPDUs.

Professional development opportunities are available throughout the year. Professional Development topics are aligned with schoolwide and State goals and Standards.



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	Typical School	Effective School	Evidence Evaluation
 	Grade-level and/or course teams		3
DIMENSI	 Teachers meet regularly but it is focused on a mix of activities—planning, professional development, and data analysis—that may change from week to week. Teachers do not have a regular opportunity to discuss progress monitoring data to track effectiveness of student intervention. Ownership for student learning results lies primarily with individual teachers. Planning typically takes place with general education teachers only. Special education, bilingual or other specialists typically plan and meet separately or only join the group occasionally. There are meeting agendas, but no clear protocols or norms for discussion. 	weeks to discuss progress-monitoring data for students	Teachers participate in weekly departmental and grade level meetings, Opportunities for professional development sessions is made available on a regular basis. Teachers focus on Tier 2 and 3 strategies and progress monitoring and consult regularly with specialists. We have identified the following needs: Dibels team leader needed Headsprout team leader needed ST Math team leader needed These leaders will help establish team ownership rather than individual ownership of the process.
	Instructional coaching		
	 Coaching typically takes place through informal associations or is only focused on a smaller group of teachers. Formal support for new teachers comes from district-sponsored induction. Professional development decisions are not 	 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. 	Veteran teacher mentoring and Golden Teacher Programs are implemented. There is a welcoming environment for new teachers



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Typical School	Effective School	Evidence	Evaluation
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 	The Common Core Standards are emphasized, technol opportunites are available, a Student Council for grade is active, Afterschool All Stars, field trips, Gear Up, and SES all support college and career-ready More school-wide activities are needed to promote coawareness.	es 5 throug
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. 	ASAS allows students to interact with teachers on a methods and to enhance skill sets outside normal school has Gear-up program, PBIS Gotcha tickets and Golden Tabinclusion of all students in all activities, and Bilingual cand pullout Bilingual support all offer appropriate mode. According to The Chicago Consortium Survey of 2011, teachers had low response to the survey, but students school as average.	nours. The le awards, lassrooms dels. parents an
Behavior& Safety		>	3
 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 positive behavior.	The school has instituted PBIS, Gotcha tickets, and Golawards to acknowledge appropriate behaviors. School-wide expectations for behavior are posted throschool and announced daily (Be Responsible, Be Responsible, Be Responsible). All staff participates in establishing a safe and welcomenvironment. According to The Chicago Consortium Survey of 2011,	oughout the



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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. Schools proactively provide information regarding school choices to families looking to relocate or to students in transition grades. 	Multicultural Night, Report Card Pick Up, take home le fliers, Community fliers and information, Open LSC Me school-specific calendars, and the school newletter. A is provided in both English and Spanish. We need to find more ways to encourage more familie	tters and eetings, II informatio
Ongoing communication		>	4
Communication to families is typically conducted only during report card pick-up and in cases of behavior/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. 	Teachers work closely with parents regarding Progress remediation planning, open house, student agendas, pick-up, home phone calls, and family conferences. In also disseminated via the school newletter.	report card
Bonding		>	2
The school has a business-like atmosphere. School staff provides occasional opportunities for amilies and community members to participate in authentic and engaging activities in the school community like student performances, exhibitions, iteracy or math events, etc.	 The principal leads the work to empower and motivate families and community to become engaged. School staff provides frequent opportunities for families 	The school sponsors a Science Fair, Multicultural day, Ithe year picnic, Kindergarten and 8th grade graduation parent groups, ESL classes, Parent Volunteers, Winter and welcome signs are posted. More activities need to involve the community like tale assemblies, student work and project exhibits.	ns, Bilingual Assembly,





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Specialized support		>	3
 School provides required services to students within the school 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 staff provides access to vision and hearing screening support, school social worker, teacher referrals, and cowith outside agencies. Special Education students are priorioritized to receive assistance.	llaboration
College & Career Exploration and election		>	2
Information about college or career choices is provided.	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.	The School Counselor/Assistant Principal is instrumental procuring programs like Gear Up, college visits for 7th a grades, and the Kelly High School Algebra Club.	
Academic Planning		>	2
explore paths of interest are limited. • The school encourages high performing students to	preparation, participation, and performance in their college and career aspirations and goals through a rigorous academic program and access to information and	The school provides Explore Tests, Gear Up, Kelly Algebrays to assist students in transitioning to high school. There are limited information and opportunities for eleschools to access. We would like to engage more parental in the process.	
Enrichment & Extracurricular Engagement		>	4
scope or students may not be purposefully involved in activities that align 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 engagement with school.	Enrichments opportunities include ASAS, Kelly Algebra and SES.	Club, A.R.T.





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College & Career Assessments		>	3
Students do not participate in college and career ready assessments	The school promotes preparation, participation, and performance in college and career assessments.	The school provides Explore, CCSS Assessments, Select Enrollment, H.S. Fairs, Gear Up, and access to Kelly Hig Counselors. We need more exposure to college fairs.	
College & Career Admissions and Affordability		>	2
Students in 11th and 12th grade are provided 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.	Counseling as well as Gear Up is available.	
Transitions		>	3
• Transitions between key grades provide families 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. 	For transitioning between grade levels, students are practice a student supply list (end of year), Summer Reading List (elly Algebra Club, Gear Up, and Freshman Connection Teachers are provided with an analysis of data for inco	t,



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Use of Discretionary Resources		>	3
 School discretionary funding is inconsistently 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. 	Discretionary spending priorities include classroom libraconsumables, supplies, games, leveled readers, ST Math Headsprout, SmartBoards, IPADs, and paraprofessionals More support materials are needed at all grade levels	٦,
Building a Team		>	3
 All or nearly all applicants have little to no prior connection to the school. Interviews typically consist of an interview with the 	 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. 	The Principal solicits staff input on hiring decisions. Teadinvited to participate in interviews. Teacher candidates undergo a rigorous interview proces	
Use of Time		>	3
	 School designs a "right fit" schedule based on student needs and school-wide growth goals. The school schedule allows for regular, meaningful collaboration in teacher teams. Struggling students receive structured intervention in dedicated blocks. 	The upper grades have strict subject area schedule; oth have instructional minutes posted. Teachers revise schedules based on progress monitoring collaborative meetings, and RTI folders. Prep periods as by the Assistant Principal.	g,





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.

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Strate	egic Priorities	
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2	Provide writing instruction to students on all grade levels that corresponds to the College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards, with emphasis on mastery of writing skills and application.	Writing skills need improvement in all grade levels. 82.3% were at meets or exceeds at 3rd grade; 64.9% were at meets or exceeds at 5th grade; 71.4% were at meets or exceeds at 6th grade.
3	Improve math achievement through the delivery of Common Core aligned mathematics instructions, supported by high quality materials.	Mathematics academic achievement needs improvement. Only 50.0% of Pre-K - 2nd grade students are at benchmark on mClassL; 37.7% of 3rd - 5th grade students are at or above grade level on NWEA; 46.1% of 6th - 8th grade students are at or above grade level on NWEA and only 6.0% are at the college readiness benchmark. 82.3.% of all grades are at meets or exceeds on ISAT.
4	Optional	
5	Optional	





Strategic Priority 1

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 Increase the rigor of our Reading program by making sure objectives, activities, and assessments address knowledge on higher levels of the Bloom's Taxonomy and are in alignment of Common Core State Standards. Reading academic achievement needs improvement. Only 64.5% of Pre-K - 2nd grade students are at on above grade level on NWEA; 39.7% of 6th - 8th grade students are at or above grade level on NWEA and only 20.9% are at the college

readiness benchmark. 67.1% of all grades are at meets or exceeds on ISAT.

Action Plan Monitoring

Milestones	Category	Target Group	Responsible Party	Start	Completed	Status	Comments & Next Steps
To ensure that all teachers are fully implementing the Common Core State Standards to plan for Direct instruction in reading. Guided reading groups will be pulled daily for levels K-5.	Instruction	All	Principal and Assistant Principals	On-going	On-going		
To ensure that teachers use research-based strategies in instruction, by monitoring curriculum maps and observations.	Instruction	All	Principal and Assistant Principals	Quarter 1	Quarter 4		
To identify and monitor the progress of at-risk and below level students who are enrolled in afterschool programs.	After School/ Extended Day	All	Teachers	Quarter 1	Quarter 4		
To increase parent involvement in their child's education through participation in Family Literacy Night & quartely Parent Workshops.	Parental Involvement	All	Literacy Night Coordinator & NCLB Liason	Quarter 1	Quarter 3		
To implement an at-home reading program whereas parents will monitor the number of books read by their childen monthly.	Parental Involvement	All	Assistant Principal, Coordinator, and Teachers	Quarter 1	Quarter 4		
To ensure that all teachers attend professional development that focuses on Common Core State Standards implementation.	Professional Development	Not Applicable	Principal and Assistant Principals	On-going	On-going		
To assist with the transition, coaching, and mentoring of the new principal with the implementation of the milestones until appointed principal is ready to take over without additional assistance.	Other	Not Applicable	Retired Administrator	Summer 2012	Quarter 2		





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Strategic Priority 2

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Strategic Priority Description	Rationale
	Writing skills need improvement in all grade levels. 82.3% were at meets or exceeds at 3rd grade; 64.9% were at meets or exceeds at 5th grade; 71.4% were at meets or exceeds at 6th grade.

Action Plan Monitoring

Milestones	Category	Target Group	Responsible Party	Start	Completed	Status	Comments & Next Steps
To ensure that all teachers are trained in the use of the MELCON (Main Idea/Evidence/Link Evidence/Concluding Sentence) writing format as a method of instruction.	Professional Development	All	Principals and Assistant Principals	Quarter 1	Quarter 2		
Implement MELCON in the classroom as a primary strategy in elevating student writing performance on benchmark testing.	Instruction	All	Teachers	Quarter 1	Quarter 4		
Provide quarterly workshops on the effective instruction of various writing formats (e.g., narrative, poetry), along with methods for providing encouraging yet effective feedback to students.	Professional Development	All	Principals and Assistant Principals	Quarter 2	Quarter 4		
Increase student interest and performance in writing through instruction of varied writing formats and encouraging, effective feedback.	Instruction	All	Teachers	Quarter 1	Quarter 4		
Teachers will ensure students are producing writing components daily.	Instruction	All	Teachers	Quarter 1	Quarter 4		





Strategic Priority 2			





Strategic Priority 3

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Strategic Priority Description	Rationale
Improve math achievement through the delivery of Common Core aligned mathematics instructions, supported by	Mathematics academic achievement needs improvement. Only 50.0% of Pre-K - 2nd grade students are at
high quality materials.	benchmark on mClassL; 37.7% of 3rd - 5th grade students are at or above grade level on NWEA;
	46.1% of 6th - 8th grade students are at or above grade level on NWEA and only 6.0% are at the college
	readiness benchmark. 82.3.% of all grades are at meets or exceeds on ISAT.

Action Plan Monitoring

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Strategic Priority 3								





Strategic Priority 4

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





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