School Improvement Plan

Hickory Hills Elementary School

2021-2022
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## Needs Assessment

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**Strategic Plan:**

- **STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**
  - Prepare every student for college and career success.

- **HUMAN RESOURCES**
  - Recruit and retain effective teachers and staff who meet the district’s diverse needs.

- **COMMUNITY COLLABORATION**
  - Increase community engagement across the district.

- **FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY**
  - Establish fiscal processes that align to the needs of students and staff.

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**Outcomes/Goals: What will success look like for our school? (Smart Goals)**

- **3rd–5th Grade English Language Arts**
  - 50% of 3rd–5th graders will perform at proficient or distinguished levels as determined by GMAS.

- **3rd–5th Grade Math**
  - 50% of 3rd–5th graders will perform at proficient or distinguished levels as determined by GMAS.

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**Initiatives: What will we do to achieve success?**

- **Structured Literacy Framework**
  - Implement literacy instruction that supports students to build literacy skills needed to read and write on grade level.

- **Balanced Math Framework**
  - Implement math instruction that supports students to build content knowledge and fluency skills needed to solve complex word problems.

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**PLC & Feedback**

- Grade level teams will meet weekly to improve teaching strategies & collaborate in the data team process. Coaching staff will provide modeling, parallel teaching and coaching feedback to meet individual needs of teachers.

- **Weekly Check-Ins**
  - The staff will meet weekly to learn & discuss various social emotional, wellness, & professional development topics. The time will be led by different staff members to build capacity & develop leaders.

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**Mentorships**

- Provide mentorships to all students in grades 3-5 that are impactful and align with the Corner mission.

- **Family Engagement**
  - Increase the resources, opportunities, and participation of families in literacy and math.

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**Focused Budgeting**

- Local and consolidated funds will be closely monitored to support goals as identified in the School Improvement Plan.

- **Mentorships**
  - Maintain meaningful mentorships for all students in grades 3-5.

- **Family Engagement**
  - Provide a variety of opportunities aimed at educating and supporting our parents to be better equipped at supporting their students.
**Initiatives: What will we do to achieve success?**

- Structured Literacy Framework
- Balanced Math Framework

**Critical actions: What major actions will we complete and by when (student groups)?**

- Fully implement Science of Reading Framework
- Fully implement Wilson’s Workshop utilizing units of study
- Fully implement small group/structured instruction and writing/reading grouping in a timely manner
- Parent/Student Anywhere app is being utilized for reading at home
- Implement the 5-step Data Team process analyzing district literacy assessments and writing samples
- Implement Benchmark phonics program in kindergarten, 1st grade, 2nd grade, and 3rd grade
- Increase purposeful independent reading during the workshop student work station to increase reading fluency
- Increase purposeful independent writing during the workshop to increase writing stamina
- Implement Lexia with EUSS students
- Implement Dyslexia System 44/Read 180 for students below grade level
- Provide small group, in-school tutoring for students on MTSS
- Identify targeted students at each grade level who will be monitored and focused for instructional gains
- Provide a full year Data Dig days where teachers will analyze student data and make instructional plans
- Provide a kindergarten camp focused on kindergarten readiness skills and transitions

**Evidence of progress: How will we know that the initiative is working? (Timeline)**

- Monthly instructional blitzes with administration team focused on non-negotiables
- Monthly data team meetings to tailor instructional needs of students
- Quarterly common scoring of writing assessments
- Monitoring through the data cycle of phonics implementation
- Weekly monitoring of Lexia usage
- Monthly monitoring of System 44/Read 180 usage and growth
- Monthly monitoring of students in the 95th percentile in other intervention groups
- Establish and monitor targeted students

**Outcomes: What will success look like if we provide opportunities for all children (student groups)?**

- Increase the number of students in grades 3-5 on or above grade level in English Language Arts according to GMAS with a specific focus on ESOL, Black, Hispanic, Gifted, and special education students
- Increase the number of students from spring 2021 to spring 2022 in grades K-2 reading on grade level according to the MAP assessment with a specific focus on ESOL, Black, Hispanic, Gifted, and special education students
- Increase the number of students in grades 3-5 to on or above grade level in math according to GMAS with a specific focus on ESOL, Black, Hispanic, Gifted, and special education students
- Increase the number of students from spring 2021 to spring 2022 in grades K-2 math on grade level according to the MAP assessment with a specific focus on ESOL, Black, Hispanic, Gifted, and special education students
PLCs & Accountability

**Initiatives:** What will we do to achieve success?

**Critical actions:** What major actions will we complete and by when (student groups)?

- Teachers will participate in weekly PLC meetings focused on math, literacy, ESL, and Speech-Language Strategies.
- Teachers will participate in EdTalks on a monthly basis.
- Teachers will participate in weekly team meetings with a focus on instructional practices.
- Teacher teaching teams collaborate weekly to design differentiated instruction.
- Teachers will participate in instructional trainings as part of the Literacy and Justice for All Grant.
- Coaches and Administrators will complete monthly instructional bites.
- Teachers will participate in Data Digs three times a year where targeted students are identified and their data is analyzed. Professional Development and instructional plans will be developed in these sessions.

**Evidence of progress:** How will we know that the initiative is working? (Timeline)

- Monthly data team process will provide feedback to drive instruction.
- Monthly data team process will provide topics to drive Ed Talks and weekly check-in meetings.
- Monthly data meetings of Lexia and System 44/Read 180 will provide feedback in reading.
- Increase the number of teachers proficiently implementing the non-negotiables (Instructional frameworks).
- Positive impact in instructional practice implementation.

**Outcomes:** What will success look if we provide opportunities for all children (student groups)?

- Teachers will have increased professional learning opportunities to support them in implementing instructional strategies.
- More teachers will be proficient with the instructional framework.
- Teachers will be able to apply the data to drive instruction (small groups, conferences, etc.).
- More students will be supported according to their individualized needs.

**Weekly Check-Ins**

- Teachers will participate in weekly faculty check-ins where a focus on professional development, social emotional, or wellness will be discussed.
- Teachers and staff will lead various meetings in order to build capacity and develop leadership opportunities.

- Weekly meeting agendas will be driven by analysis of student needs uncovered during grade level PLC and data team processes.
- Increased number of teachers & staff lead weekly meetings or content sharing.

- Teachers & staff will have broader range of social emotional and wellness strategies to apply in their own life and in a culturally diverse classroom.
- Teachers & staff will have increased opportunities to lead & grow professionally.
Initiatives: What will we do to achieve success?

Evidence of Progress: Impact Check #1 - Fall

Evidence of Progress: Impact Check #2 - Winter

Evidence of Success: Impact Check #3 - End of Year

Human Resources
Recruit and retain effective teachers and staff who meet the district's diverse needs.
Initiatives: What will we do to achieve success?

Mentorships

Community Collaboration

Increase community engagement across the district.

Family Engagement

Critical actions: What major actions will we complete and by when (student groups)?

- All students in grades 3-5 will be paired with a mentor
- Improve the mentoring training by adding research-based trauma-sensitive strategies and activities
- Increase activities & areas for mentoring relationships to occur in the school building
- Provide trauma informed training to our mentors and teachers to support the mentor relationship
- Work with mentors and teachers to identify specific needs and supports needed through the Corner for students

Evidence of progress: How will we know that the initiative is working? (Timeline)

- Decrease in student office referrals
- Increase in positive teacher/student relationships
- Increase in student achievement
- Improve attendance rate of targeted students

Outcomes: What will success look like if we provide opportunities for all children (student groups)?

- All students in grades 3-5 will be paired with a mentor. Mentors will meet consistently twice a month throughout the year with their mentee
- Improve the overall attendance rate of targeted students

- Host Coffee Talks aimed at engaging parents with other parents
- Continue work with Dragon FIRE Literacy Nights to provide books and reading strategies to targeted families
- Continue offering Math Nights to help educate parents on basic math standards and strategies
- Continue Digital Dragons Computer Nights to engage families with technology and build community
- Students and families will utilize the Corner for wrap around services to provide social and emotional supports to families
- Continue quarterly meetings with the Guatemalan Advisory Committee to support students and families
- Provide family and community liaisons for diverse groups within the school
- Increase outside resources and therapy for students through the Corner
- Provide a Science Night to help educate parents on science standards
- Provide parenting classes utilizing community resources aimed at helping parents increase literacy in the home.

- Increase the number of parents involved in PTA, school sponsored events and relationships with one another
- Increase the number of identified families participating in Dragon FIRE
- Increase number of parents participating in coffee talks
- Increase the number of parents participating in parenting classes

- Increase the amount of parents actively engaged in their students' learning and school activities
- Increase the number of services and opportunities for students and parents through the Corner
Initiatives: What will we do to achieve success?

Evidence of Progress: Impact Check #1 - Fall

Evidence of Progress: Impact Check #2 - Winter

Evidence of Success: Impact Check #3 - End of Year

COMMUNITY COLLABORATION
Increase community engagement across the district.
**Initiatives: What will we do to achieve success?**

- Focused Budgeting
  - Establish fiscal processes that align to the needs of students and staff.

- Focused Charter Budgeting
  - Provide support and funding to our arts teachers to support integrated Arts specifically students who qualify for Advanced Arts Pathway (AAP).
  - Provide support and funding to The Corner to continue Social and Emotional Support of high-risk students.
  - Increase classroom libraries with the purchase of supplemental classroom libraries.

**Critical actions: What major actions will we complete and by when (student groups)?**

- Identify areas of critical need based on student performance data.
- Allow academic coaches to identify resources/strategies that need to be purchased to meet academic goals.
- Monitor mid-year to determine any adjustments and shifts that need to be made based on student achievement data and progress.

**Evidence of progress: How will we know that the initiative is working? (Timeline)**

- Monthly data dug with Administrative team to determine next steps and progress.
- Mid-year data dig to adjust funding/purchasing.

**Outcomes: What will success look like if we provide opportunities for all children (student groups)?**

- Transparent and Efficient Management of Local Funds.
- The budget will be balanced and all funds will be used to address an identified academic need.

- Monitoring disruptive behavior and discipline referrals of students who are identified high risk.
- Monitoring of F&P and MAP ELA data to ensure identified student groups are making positive academic gains.

- The charter fund budget will be balanced and equitable based on critical actions.
- Students who access the Corner will show a decrease of office referrals, as well as, positive behavior in the classroom.
- Students will have positive academic gains on F&P levels, MAP assessment data and/or GMAS.
Initiatives: What will we do to achieve success?

Evidence of Progress: Impact Check #1 - Fall

Evidence of Progress: Impact Check #2 - Winter

Evidence of Success: Impact Check #3 - End of Year

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY
Establish fiscal processes that align to the needs of students and staff.
Charter Funding - Strategic Support
-SGT Request Form-

Hickory Hills Elementary

School:

Amount Requested: $30,249

Date of SGT Approval/Vote:

Strategic Alignment: Explain how your proposed use of charter funds aligns to your school improvement plan (and/or the district strategic plan) and the long-term outcomes or goals highlighted in your plan.

Funding Activities: Use the table below to state the project activities, strategic alignment, anticipated outcomes and long-term impact for your students.

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<td>Students will participate in small group lessons during daily instruction. The teachers will use these resources to support the implementation of SOR.</td>
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Charter Funding - Strategic Support
-SGT Request Form (continued) -

Evaluation/RO*: How will you measure your project results? For each of the project outcomes and long-term outcomes listed above, indicate how you will measure your results. Initiatives identified in this form must be presented at the end of the school year and documented in the SGT meeting minutes.

SGT Chair Signature

Principal Signature

Superintendent (or Designee) Signature

Date

1 SGT approval of Charter Funding requests must be reflected in the SGT minutes.
2 All Enhanced Roles must be reflected in the HR process for 2019-2020.
3 Initiatives identified in this form must be presented at the end of the school year and documented in the SGT meeting minutes.