JOSEPH L. MULREADY SCHOOL



SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2019 - 2020

Strategic Objective: # 1 High Quality Instructional Practices

Build capacity at all District levels to ensure that every educator and administrator are utilizing high-leverage practices to support outstanding teaching and learning experiences for ALL students, every day.

Goal # 1: Establish a high functioning building level Instructional Leadership Team with a measurable school-wide instructional focus.

Activities: (Steps to be taken to implement plan)

- Meet two times per month as an ILT with the goal of looking at school-wide data to inform next steps.
- Disseminate and retrieve feedback from all stakeholders within the building on a regular basis.
- Create School Improvement Plan that matches the District Improvement Plan
- Grade levels and specialty areas will each decide on a complex task
- Create a targeted professional development plan building expertise in selected evidence-based practices.
- Create an internal accountability system to assess learning/growth concerning the complex tasks.
- Create at least one school-wide internal assessment for a SMARTe goal.
- Announce school-wide instructional focus to parents

Early Evidence of Change: (how will you know if your actions are producing the desired change in practice?

- ILT agenda and meeting notes
- Staff participation on and off team
- Identified school improvement plan with instructional school-wide instructional focus
- Professional Development opportunity
- Complex Tasks in each grade level and in specialty areas
- Buy-in for an internal accountability system that all stakeholders will use

Short- Term Outcomes: (how will you know if the change in practice is impacting student performance measures?)

- From Winter to Spring, school wide-focus identified in learning walks, agendas, etc. in at least 50% of experiences
- Professional development needs identified
- Internal accountablity system (SMARTe goal) created by June, 2020.

- All stakeholders will Identify, learn and begin to use effective evidence-based instructional practices to meet the needs of each student.
- Each grade level and specialty area will have identified a complex task and corresponding assessment
- Parents will share in the identification of complex tasks, habits of mind, and internal assessments that will show growth in their children.

Strategic Objective: #2 Educating the Whole Child

Provide rigorous, inclusive academic and social emotional learning experiences to ensure ALL students succeed academically.

Goal # 2:

Analyze 3rd grade MCAS scores and target instruction towards the needs of the children in NM in order to raise their scores on the 4th grade MCAS.

Activities: (Steps to be taken to implement plan)

- Analyze MCAS scores and identify students in the PM category
- Analyze areas in Math and ELA where students scored poorly
- Prepare spreadsheets depicting the information
- Design targeted instruction for those in the Not Meeting category in order to move them towards or into the Meeting category.
- Institute targeted instruction for those in the Not Meeting category in order to move them forward towards or in the "meeting" category.

Early Evidence of Change: (how will you know if your actions are producing the desired change in practice?

- Meet with 4th grade teachers and SPED teacher, Math Specialist, Reading Specialist, and Instructional Coach to analyze the data.
- Designing of targeted instruction for students

Short- Term Outcomes: (how will you know if the change in practice is impacting student performance measures?)

- Institute targeted instruction
- Monitor growth of students in remediated areas and collect data

- Targeted instruction will be designed and implemented this year and used in future years
- Data will show student growth
- Students will improve upon their MCAS scores

Strategic Objective: #3 Innovative Educational Practices

Ensure ALL students are exposed to and engaged in innovative and challenging academic courses and programs

Goal # 3:

Grade level and specialty area teachers will choose and implement increased use of technology into their curriculum.

Activities: (Steps to be taken to implement plan)

- Pre-teach through technology
- Digital Learning Platforms/Portfolios: Seesaw, Class Dojo, Flipgrid, etc.
- Google Classroom
- Curriculum related apps, websites, and programs
- Use of video and audio recordings (reflection and feedback)
- Morning Announcements
- Videotaped read alouds
- Third grade keyboarding skills
- Pilot a Grade 4 STEM class

Early Evidence of Change: (how will you know if your actions are producing the desired change in practice?

- Teacher and student exploration of digital learning platforms.
- Teacher exploration of apps, websites, and programs.
- Morning announcements
- Meet with curriculum coordinator and librarian to begin planning for STEM classes

Short- Term Outcomes: (how will you know if the change in practice is impacting student performance measures?)

- Embedding use of video and audio recordings into lessons, assignments, assessments, and feedback
- Use of digital learning platforms by grade level teachers and specialists.
- Teacher books on video to promote school themes
- Lesson plans for STEM classes

- Embedded use of video and audio recordings into lessons, assignments, assessments, and feedback by teachers and students.
- Increased level of student learning and engagement via digital learning platforms.
- Increased performance in keyboarding skills in grade 3
- Teacher video dispersed to public

Strategic Objective: # 4 Climate and Culture

Develop a culture that promotes equity, eliminates opportunity gaps and empowers students and adults to build strong relationships, psychological safety and mutual accountability. Ensure an environment where children feel empathetic towards others

Goal # 4:

Ensure an environment where ALL are accepted, through the development of understanding and respect for diversity

Activities: (Steps to be taken to implement plan)

- Plan monthly school-wide read-alouds about diversity in any form (cultural, disability, economic, etc)
- Organize Multicultural event.
- Assemble readers and literature for Disability Awareness Month.
- Choosing a culture of the month to highlight through various mediums (greeting/announcement, read-alouds, music, etc.)
- Explore possibilities for multicultural assemblies/presentations.
- On-line announcements
- Hold a Math night
- Multi-cultural books read by teachers on-line

Early Evidence of Change: (how will you know if your actions are producing the desired change in practice?

- Identify monthly themes and their corresponding books to highlight diversity and share with staff
- Identify readers and order books (disabilities and cultures)
- Identify a cultural presentation
- Research Portuguese and Spanish language books
- Research appropriate games for Math Night, assemble student volunteers, purchase supplies, invite teachers to attend
- Make labels to post around school for ELL students

Short- Term Outcomes: (how will you know if the change in practice is impacting student performance measures?)

- Readers prepared and books ordered
- Book cultural presentation/Teacher on-line read alouds
- Make and distribute a monthly calendar
- Order Portuguese and Spanish language books
- Design brochure for Math Night, develop take-away
- Place labels for ELLs around the school and in classrooms

- Present monthly school-wide read-alouds about diversity in any form (cultural, disability, economic, etc)
- Host a Multicultural event
- Host Math Night
- Host readers and present literature for Disability Awareness Month.
- Highlight a culture of the month to through various mediums (greeting/announcement, readalouds, music, etc.)
- Labels for ELLs around the school and in classrooms